AM
I DREAMING
AGAIN?

HEY, YOU OKAY?

THAT
VOICE...

YOU WERE COMPLETELY OUT FOR A WHILE, THERE.

K-KODYA...

HAHA, WELL... YEAH...
ARE YOU ALRIGHT? YOU LOOK LIKE YOU'VE SEEN A GHOST...

KODYA, I--!
SLOSH

Spill
!!!!

DAMN IT!

THIS FEELS PRETTY REAL...

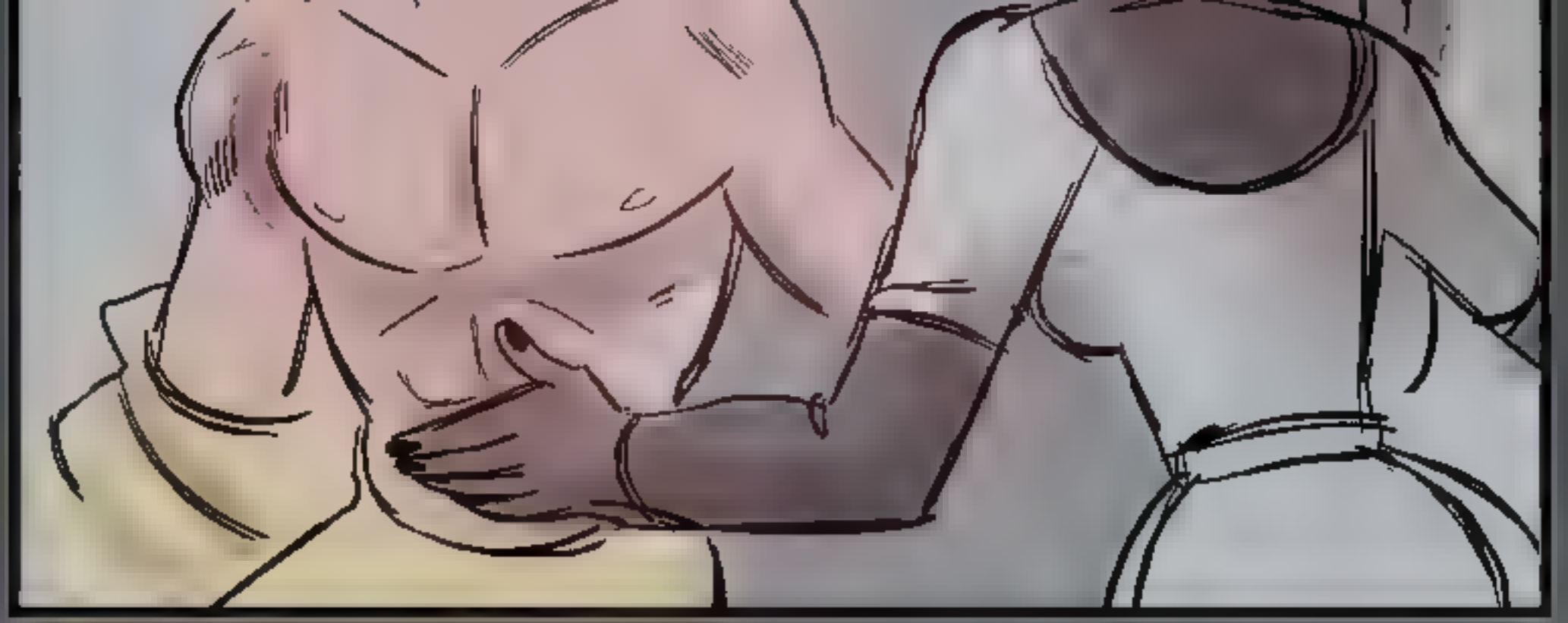
STEAM

DREAMS
DON'T FEEL LIKE
THIS, DO THEY?

BUT HOW IS IT THAT KODYA'S HERE?
HE WASN'T PART OF MY CREW... RIGHT?

BUT EVERYTHING ELSE IS EXACTLY HOW I REMEMBER IT...

EXCEPT...
WASN'T NEPHTHYS
HERE LAST TIME
TOO?



AND
THAT WAS BEFORE
I'D EVEN MET
HER...

блять!
I'M SORRY!

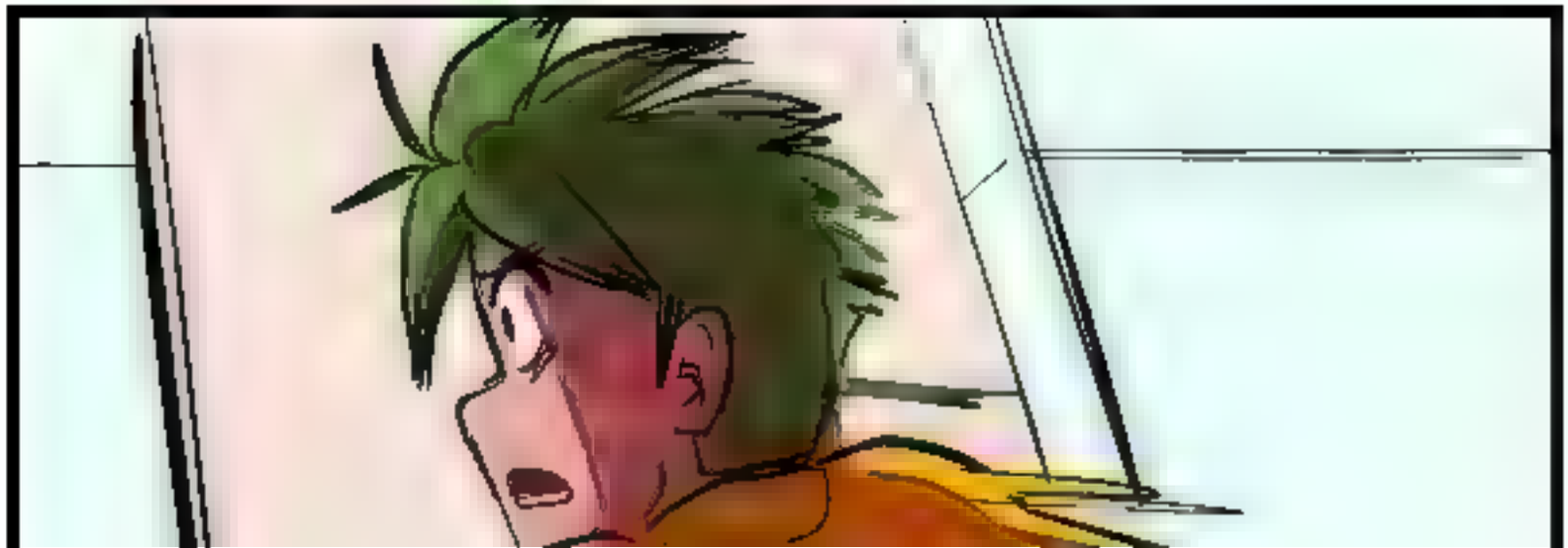
YOU STARTLED ME.

ARE YOU HURT?

STAY RIGHT THERE...I'LL GO GET SOMETHING FOR THE BURN.

SLIDE
TAT
TAT
N-NO, I'M FINE! WAIT!

KODYA!



ROOM of
SWORDS

CHAPTER 55

"IS IT TOO LATE FOR A NEW DAY?"

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35
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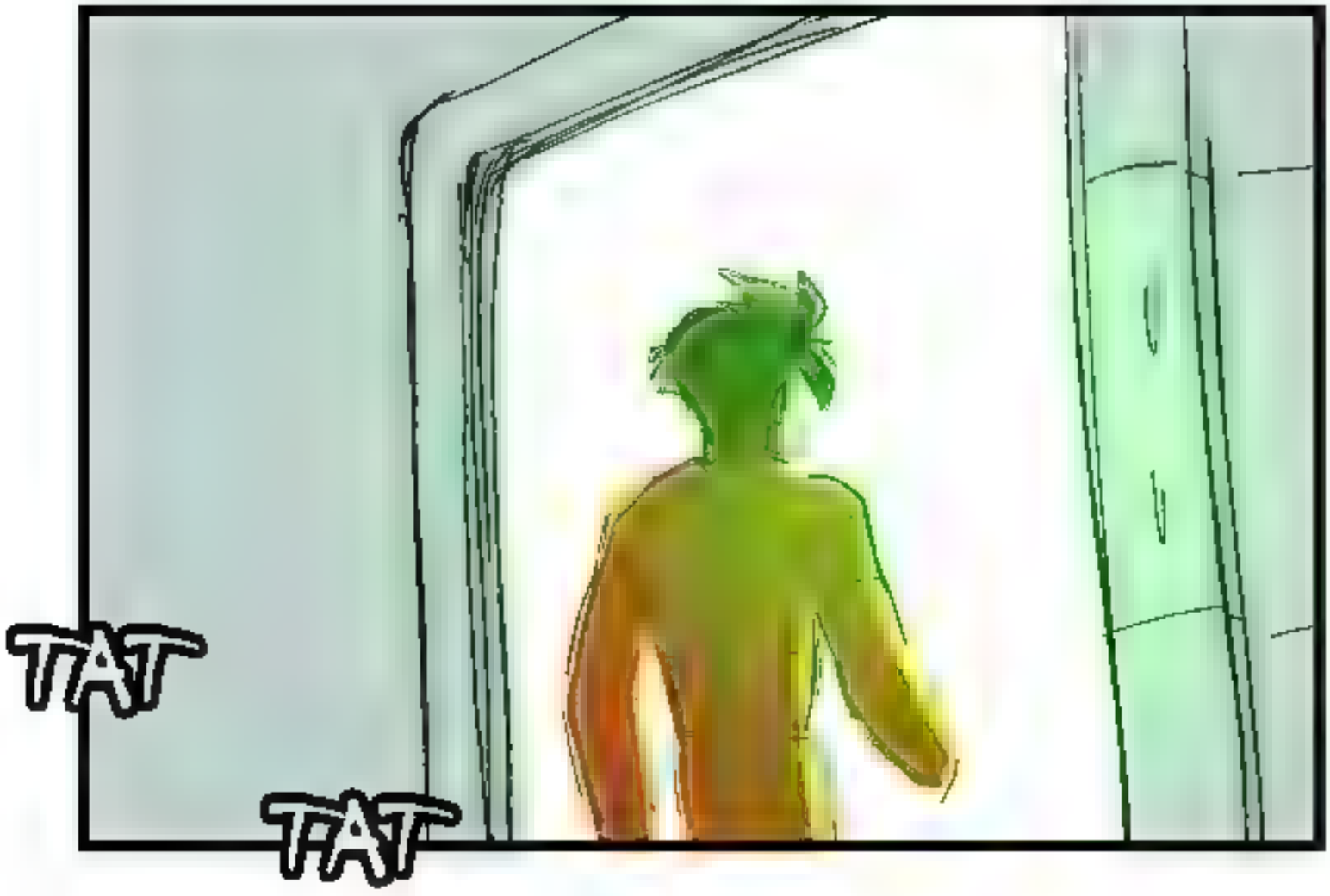
...?

WHERE DID HE GO?

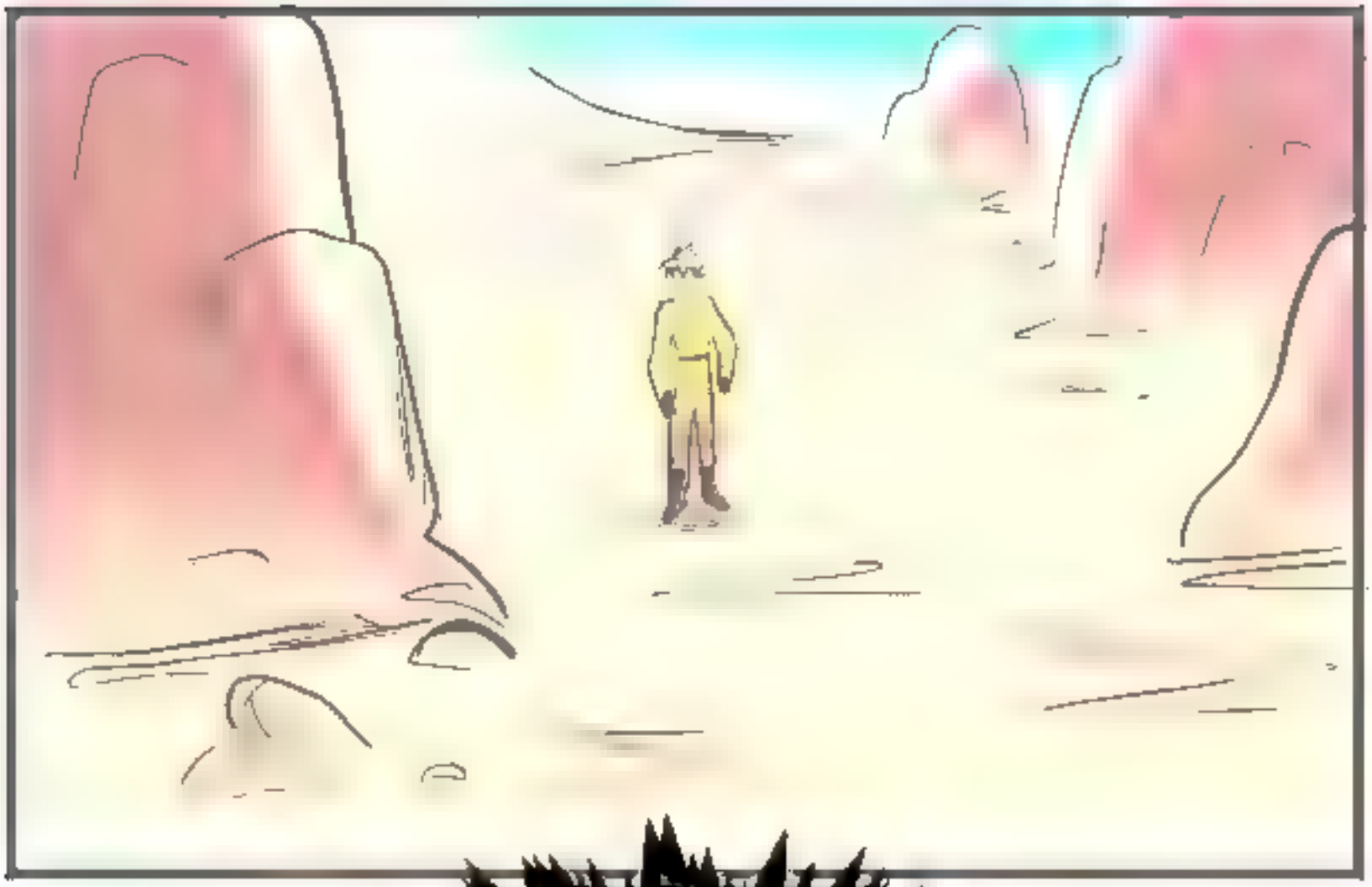
THIS ONE'S OPEN...

KODYA...?
ARE YOU IN
HERE?

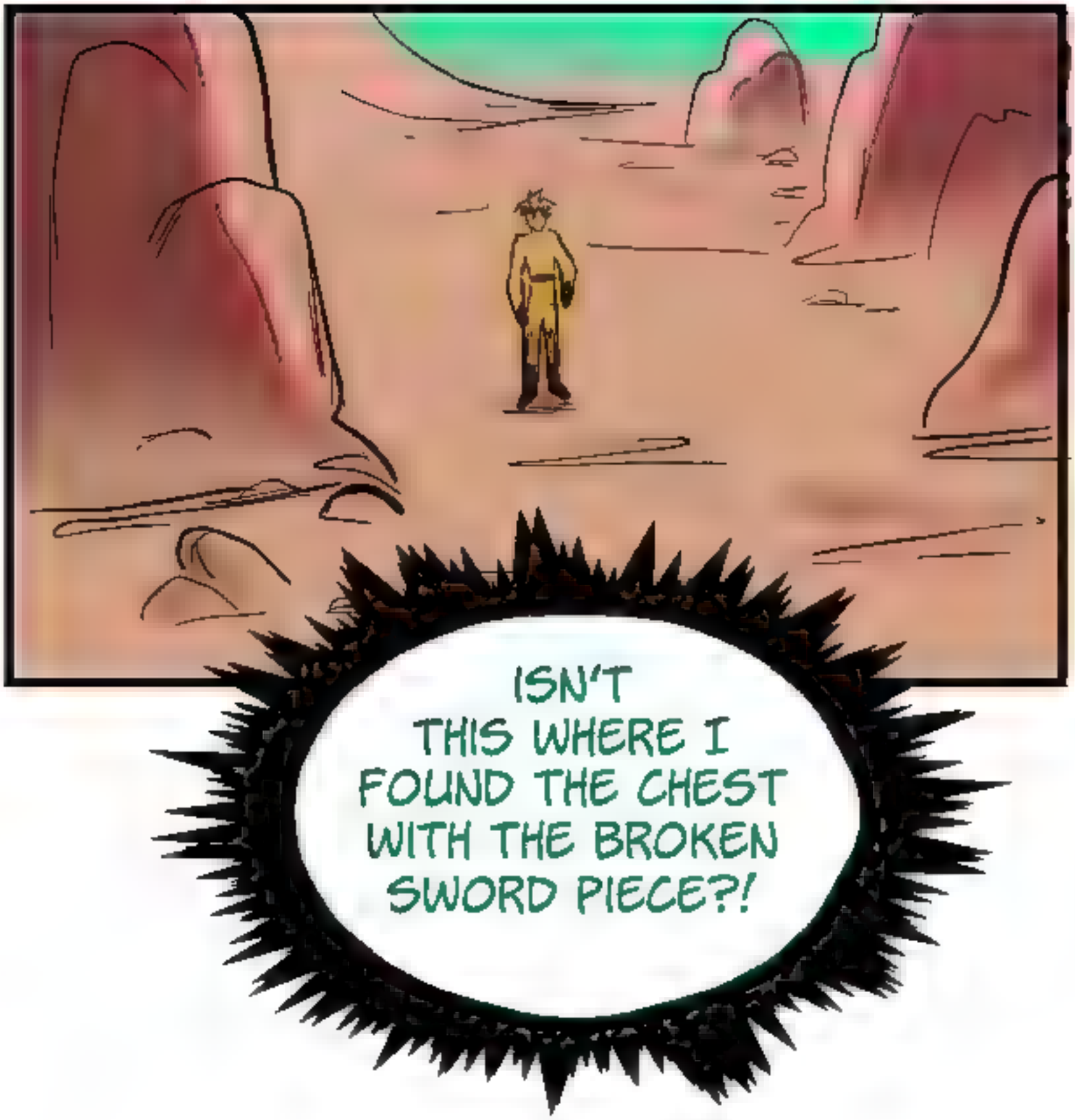

TAT
TAT

34
SHIT

WHERE AM I? IT'S SO BRIGHT!



WAIT...
I THINK I
RECOGNIZE
THIS PLACE...

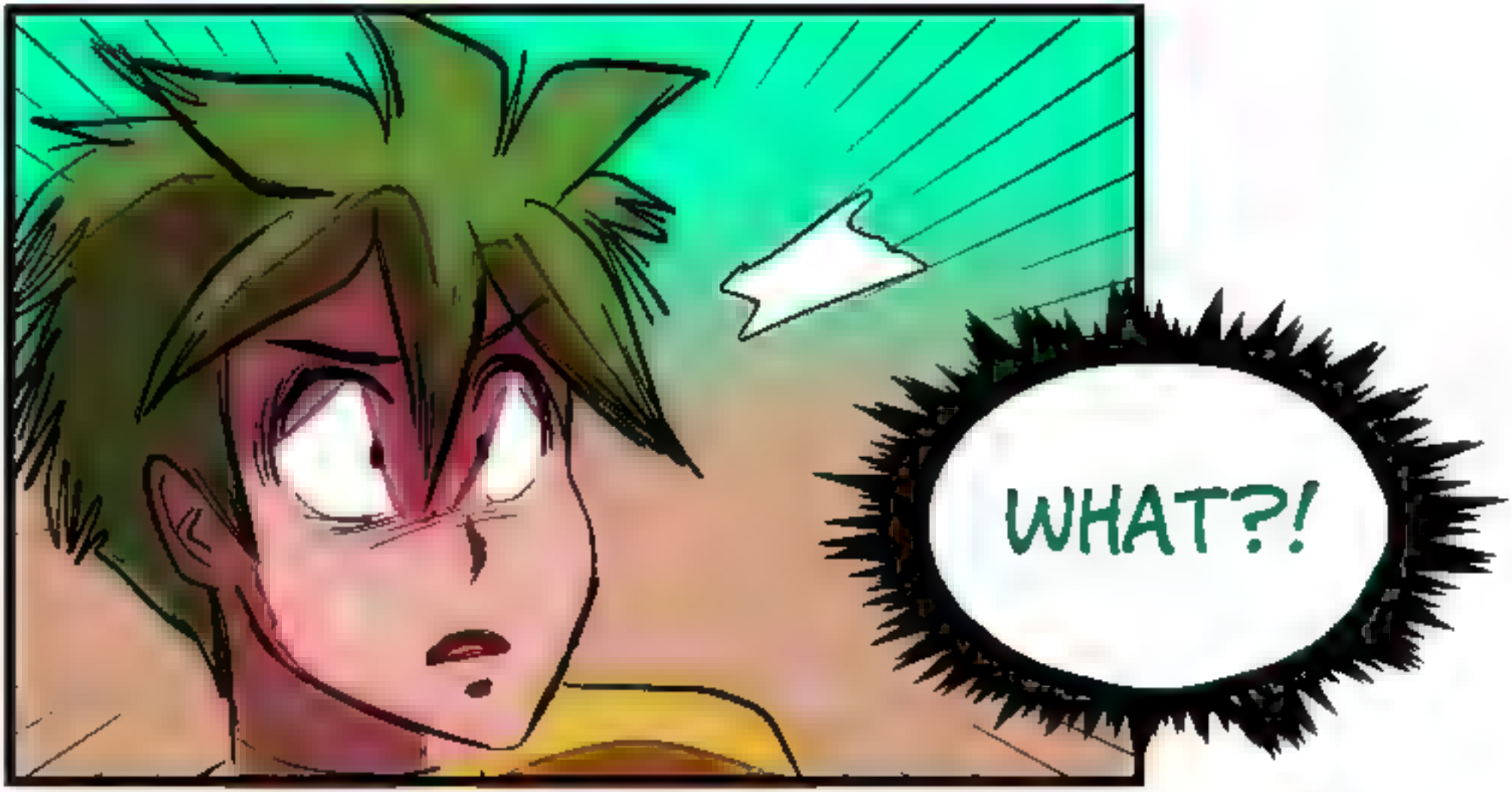

ISN'T THIS WHERE I FOUND THE CHEST WITH THE BROKEN SWORD PIECE?!

TAT

TAT

?!
TAT
TAT

HUH? SOMEONE'S COMING THIS WAY...!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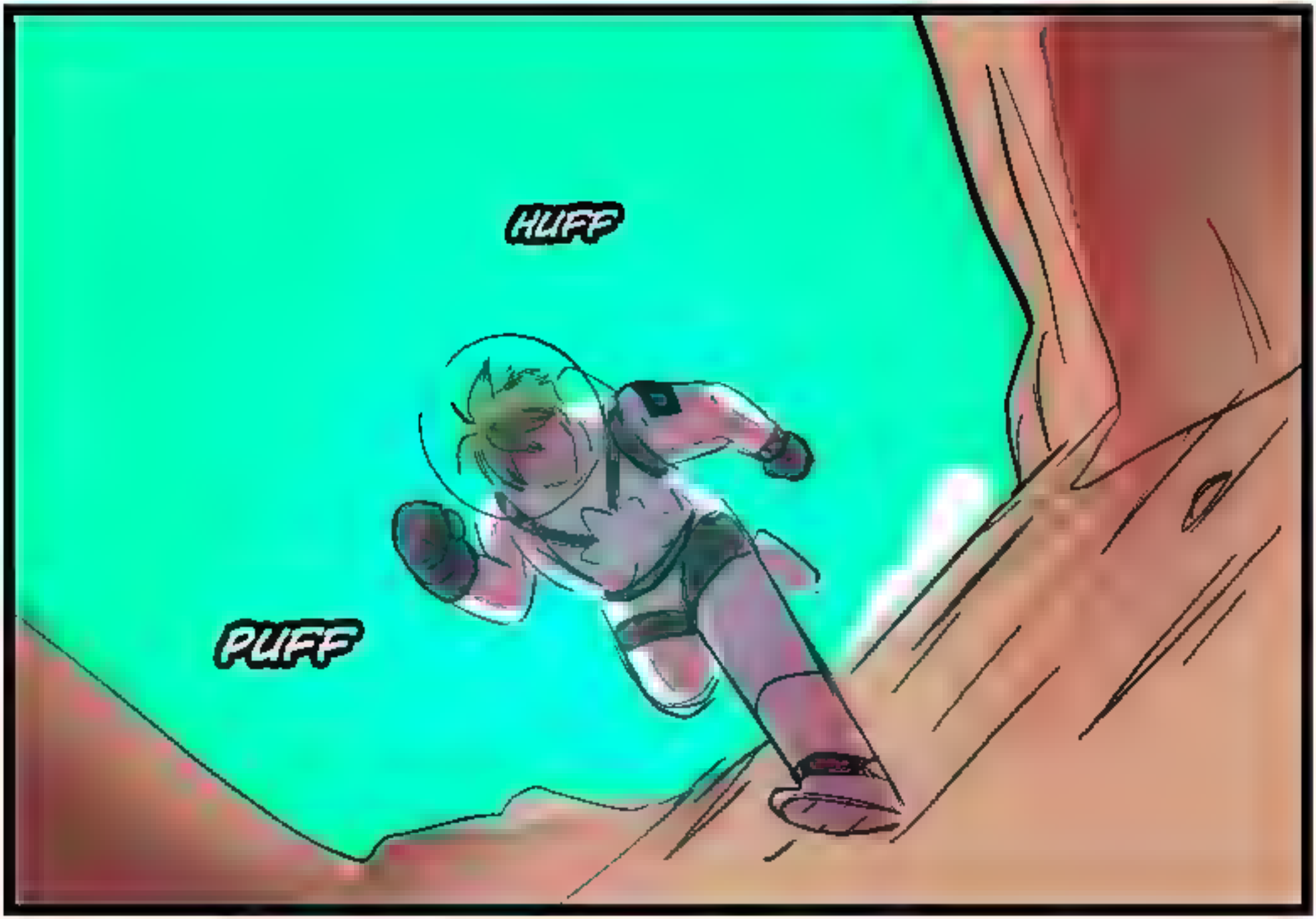
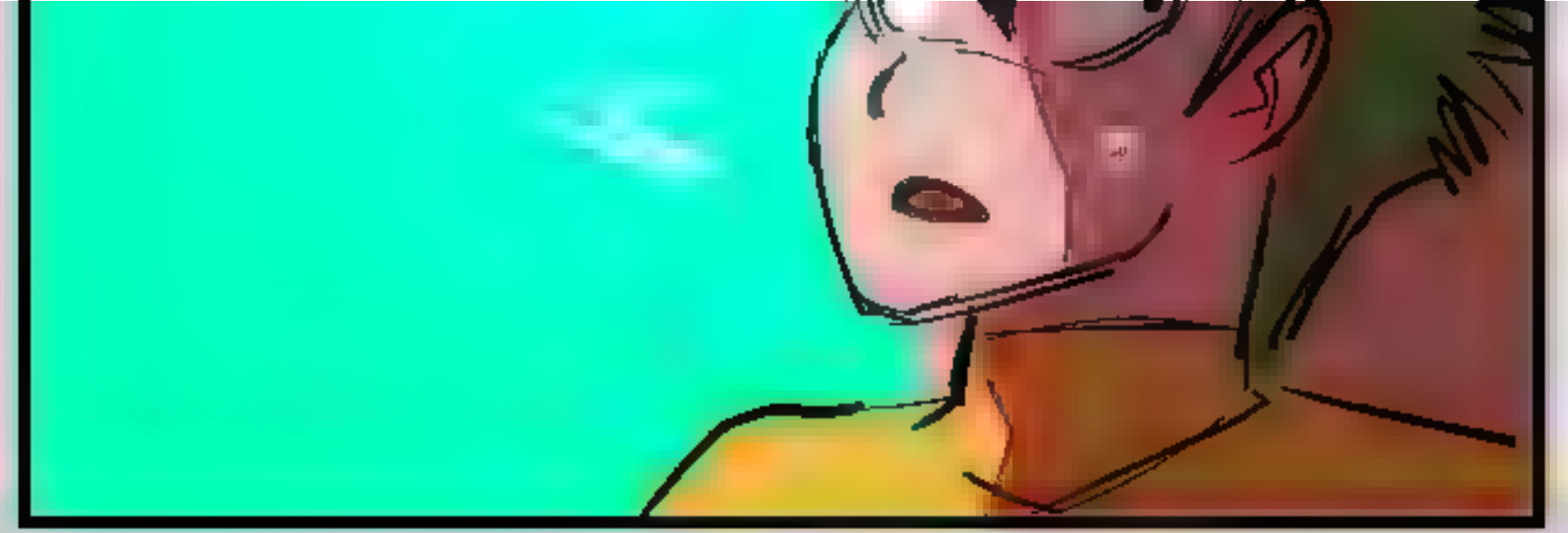

HUFF
PUFF

WHA-
HEY! WAIT
UP!

HIDE

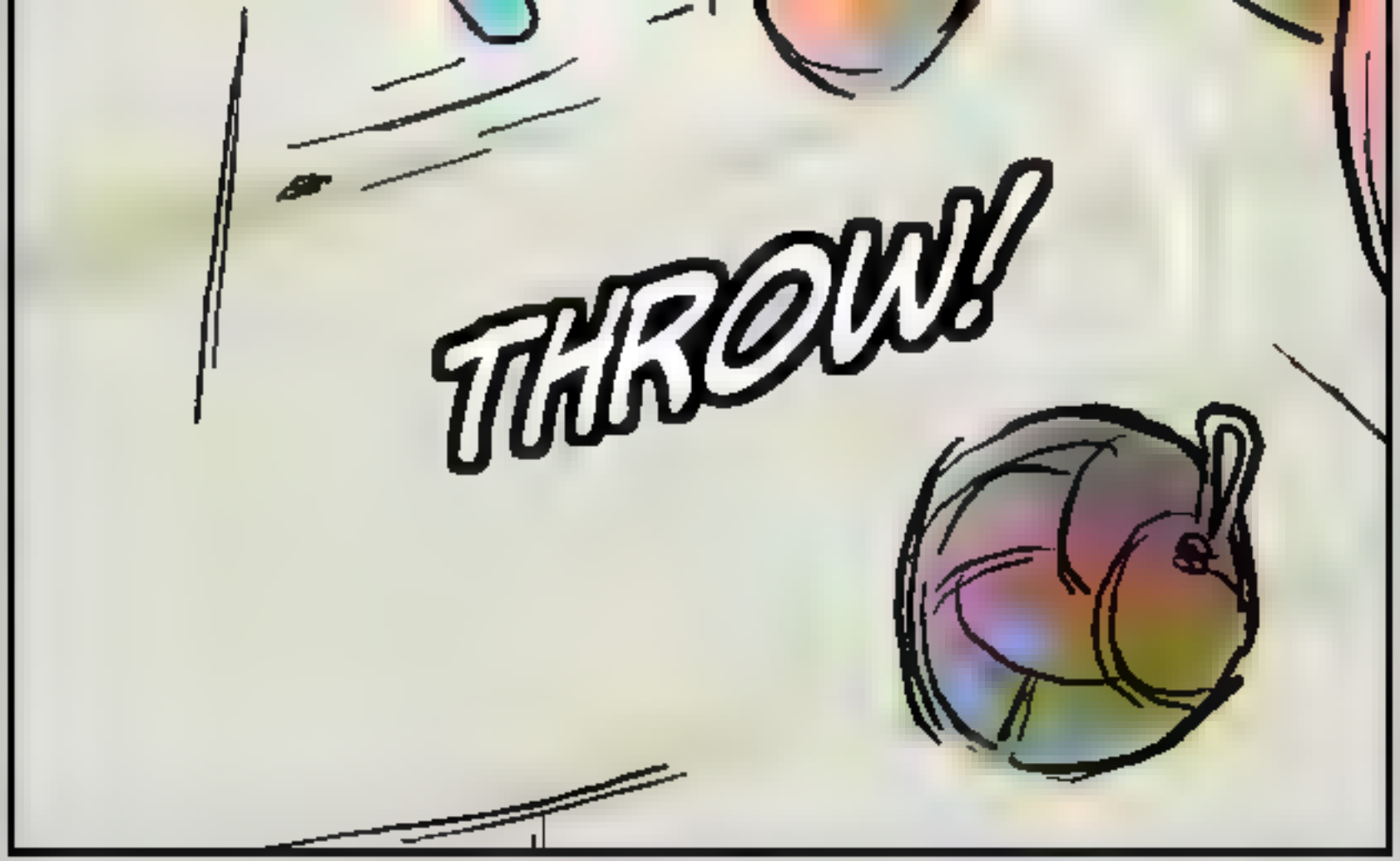
WHAT'S
GOING ON!?

WRONG WAY, KID!



GET TO THE ARMORY!

KODYA!

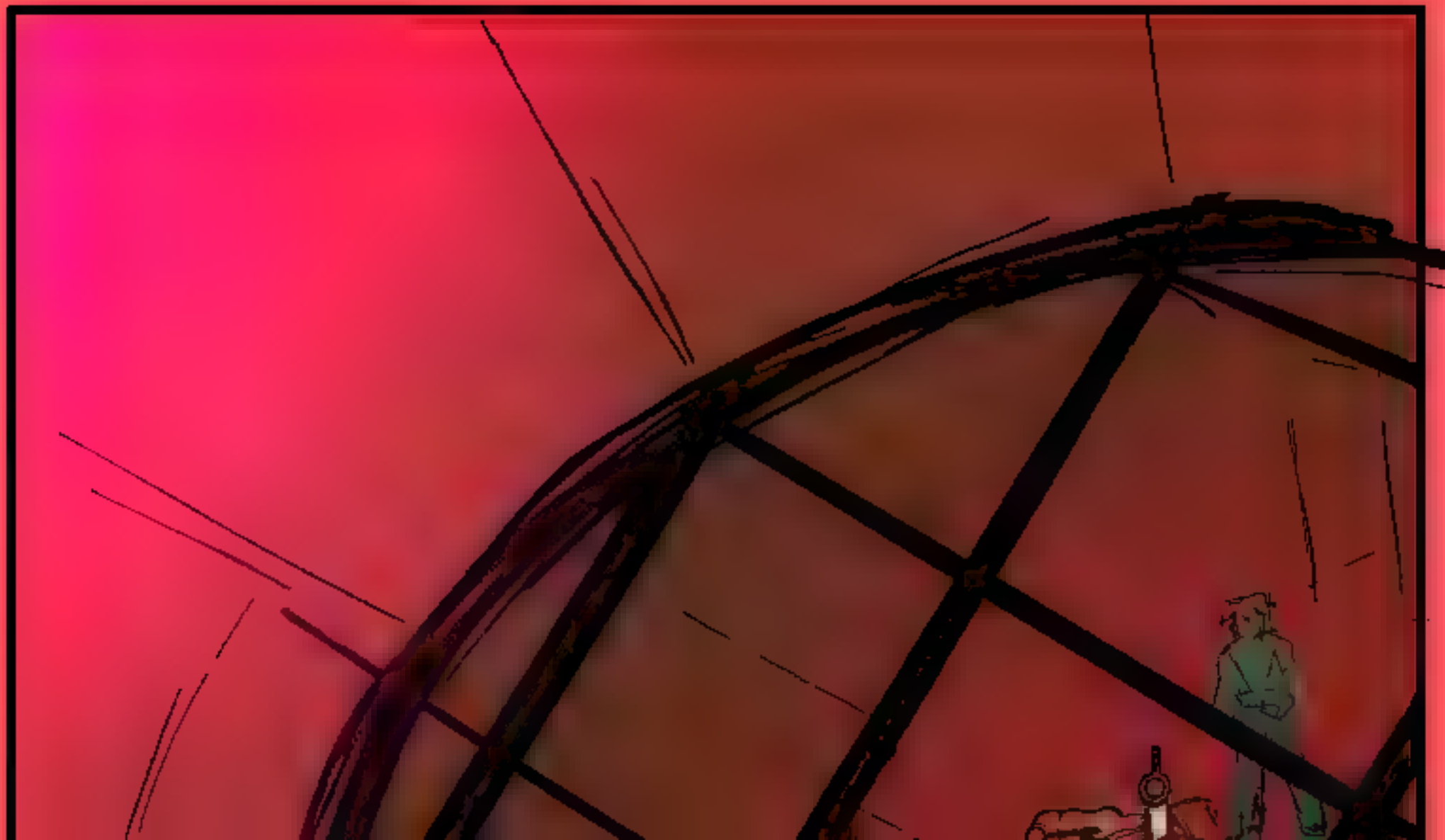

THROW!

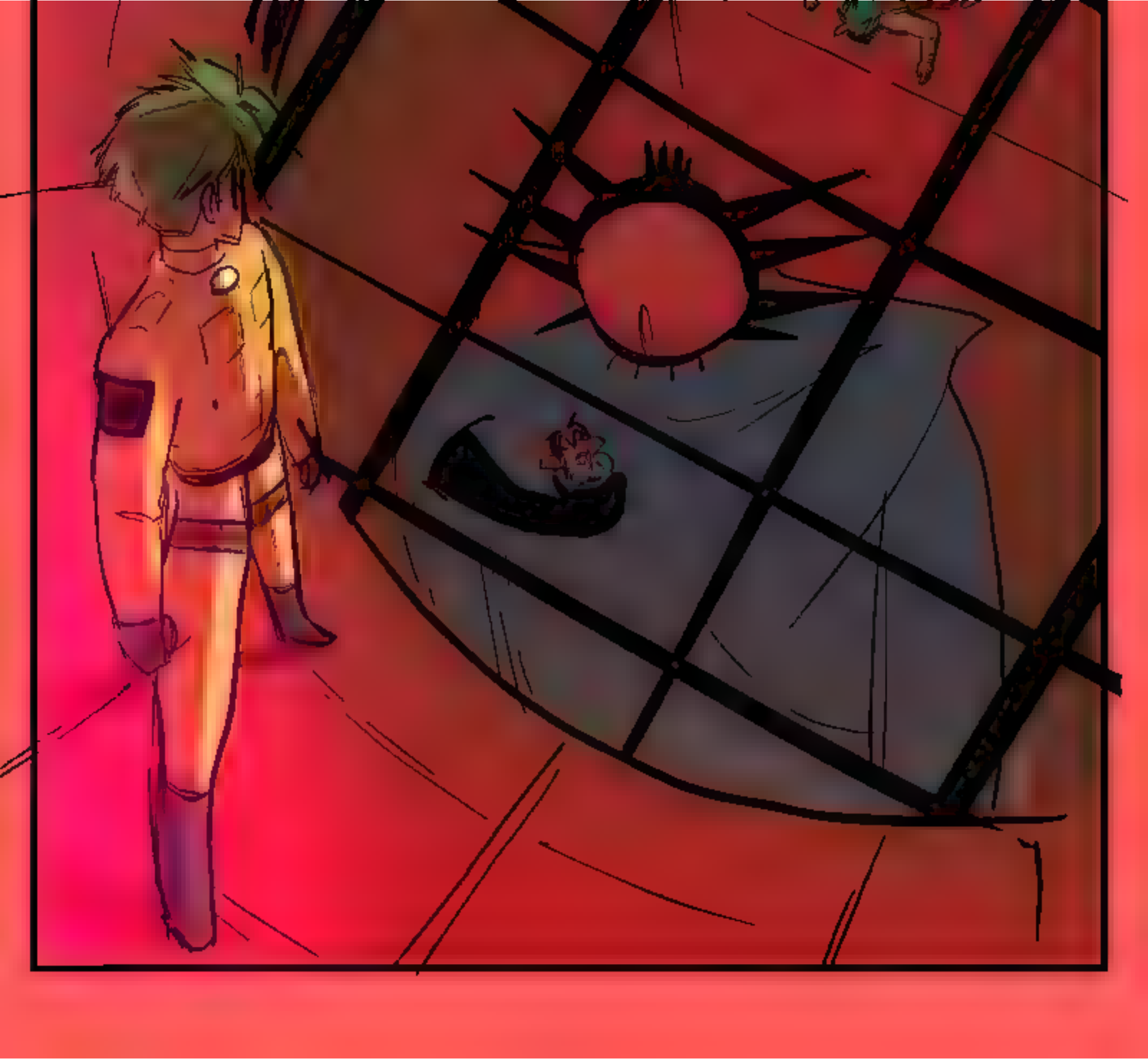
BANG!
POOF!
AGH!

COUGH
COUGH

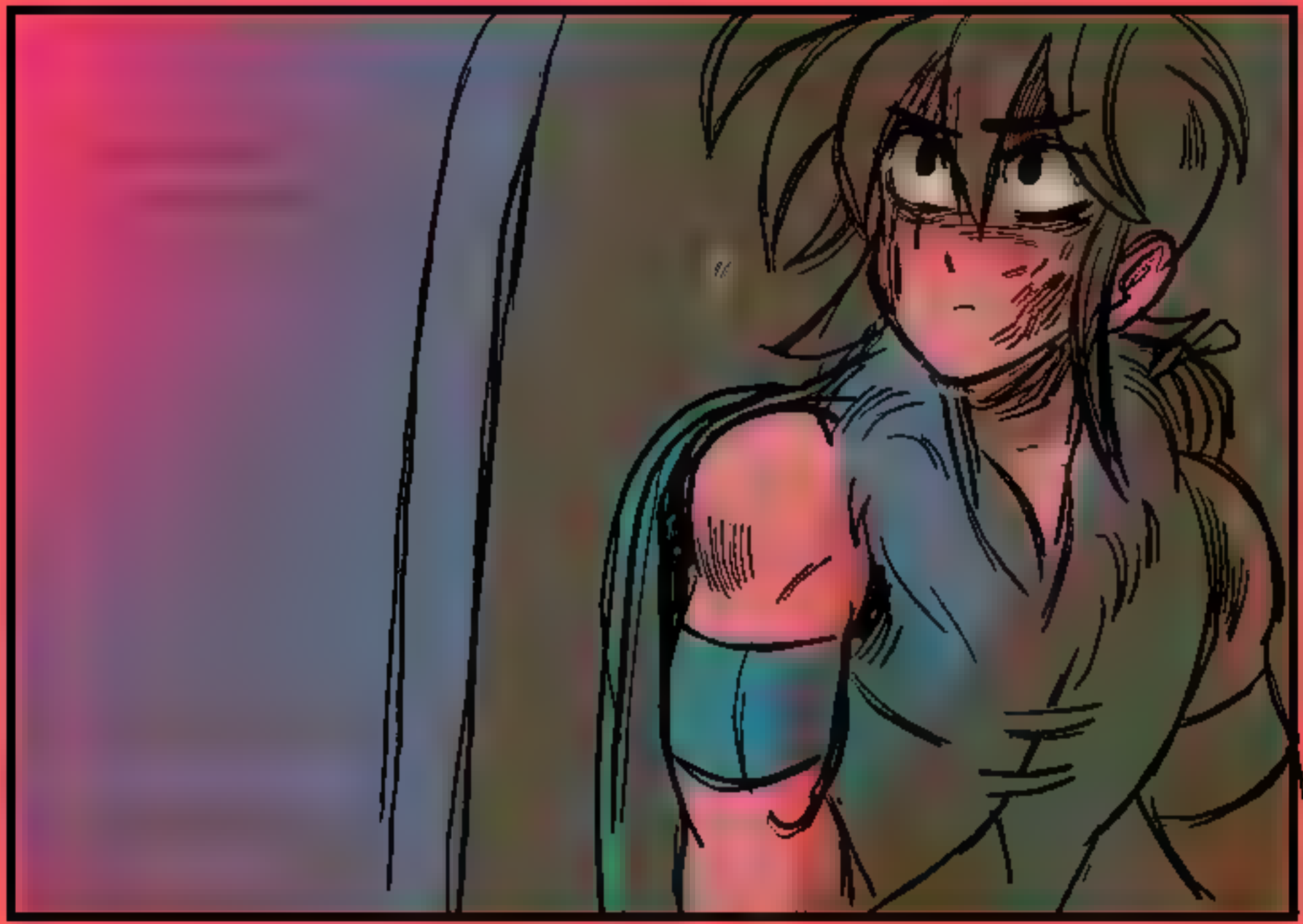
CAN'T
YOU SEE
ME?!

NO!!!!





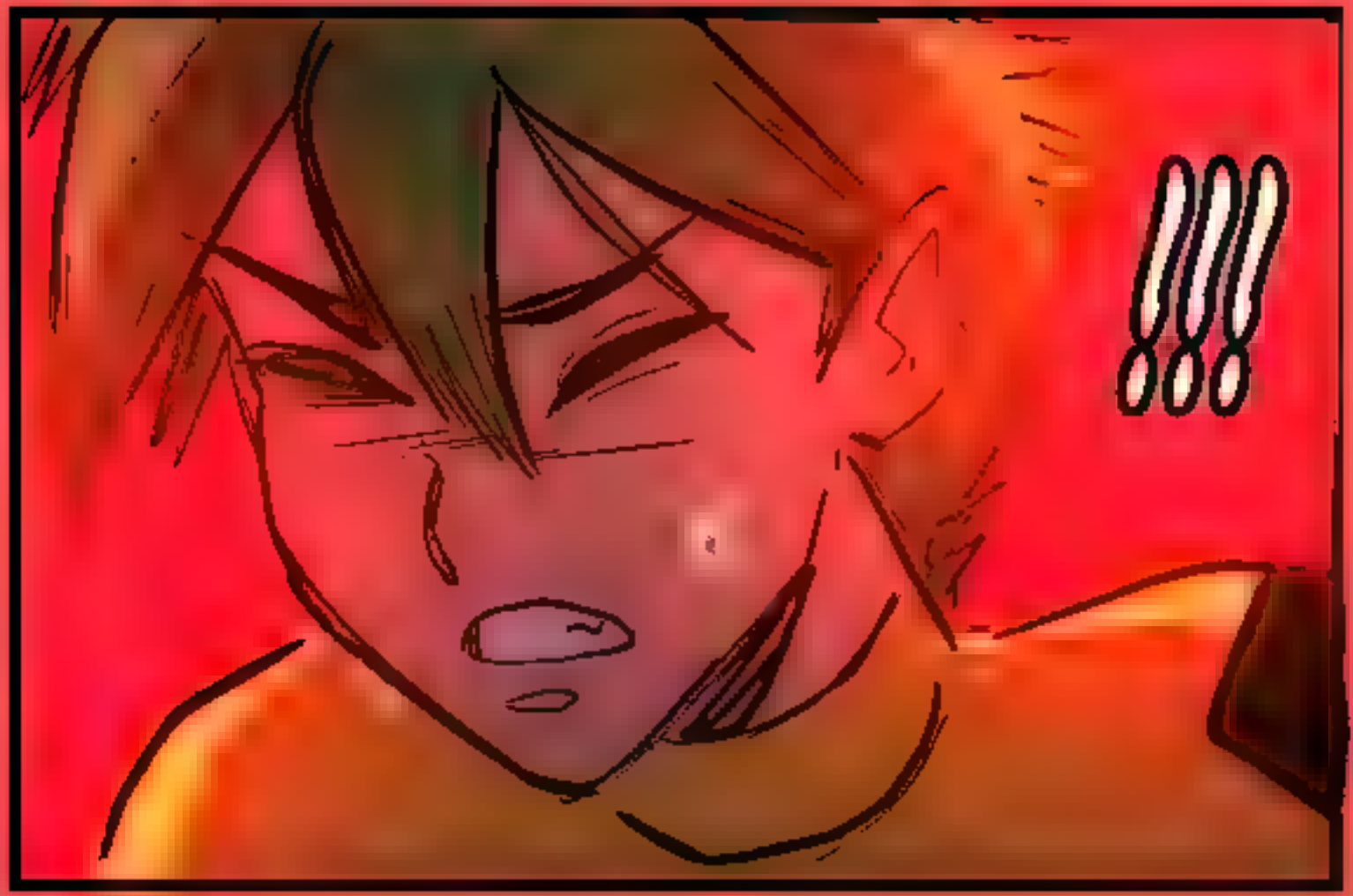
THIS IS EVERYTHING... THAT HAPPENED THE FIRST TIME...

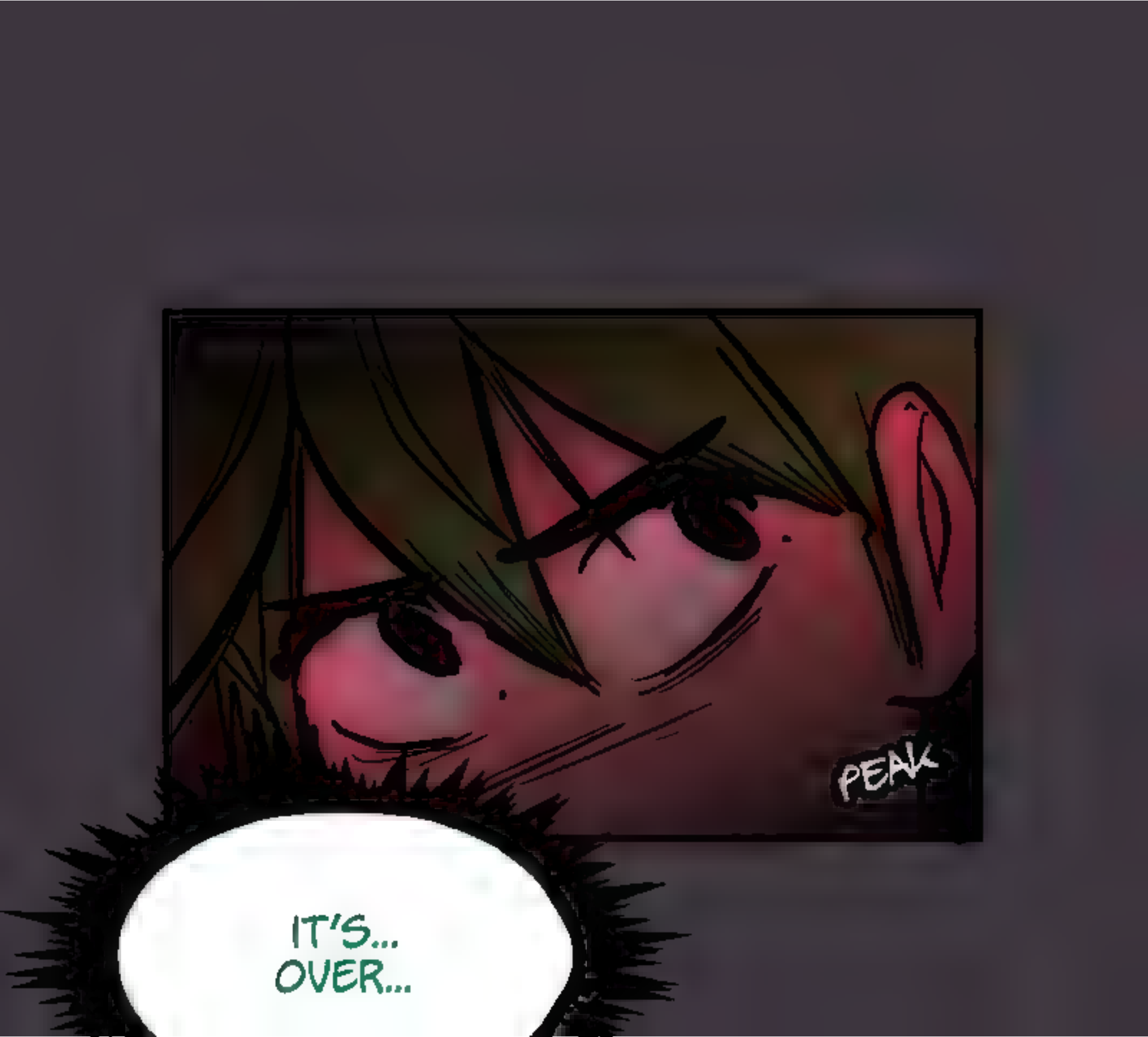


KODYA...

STAB!

SCHLICK!




PEAK
IT'S...
OVER...

I'M BACK
IN THE SHIP
AGAIN...

COMMAND
ROOM

THE COMMAND ROOM...? THAT'S WHERE OUR CAPTAIN WAS ALWAYS STATIONED...

!!
CAPTAIN DON... COULD HE BE INSIDE?

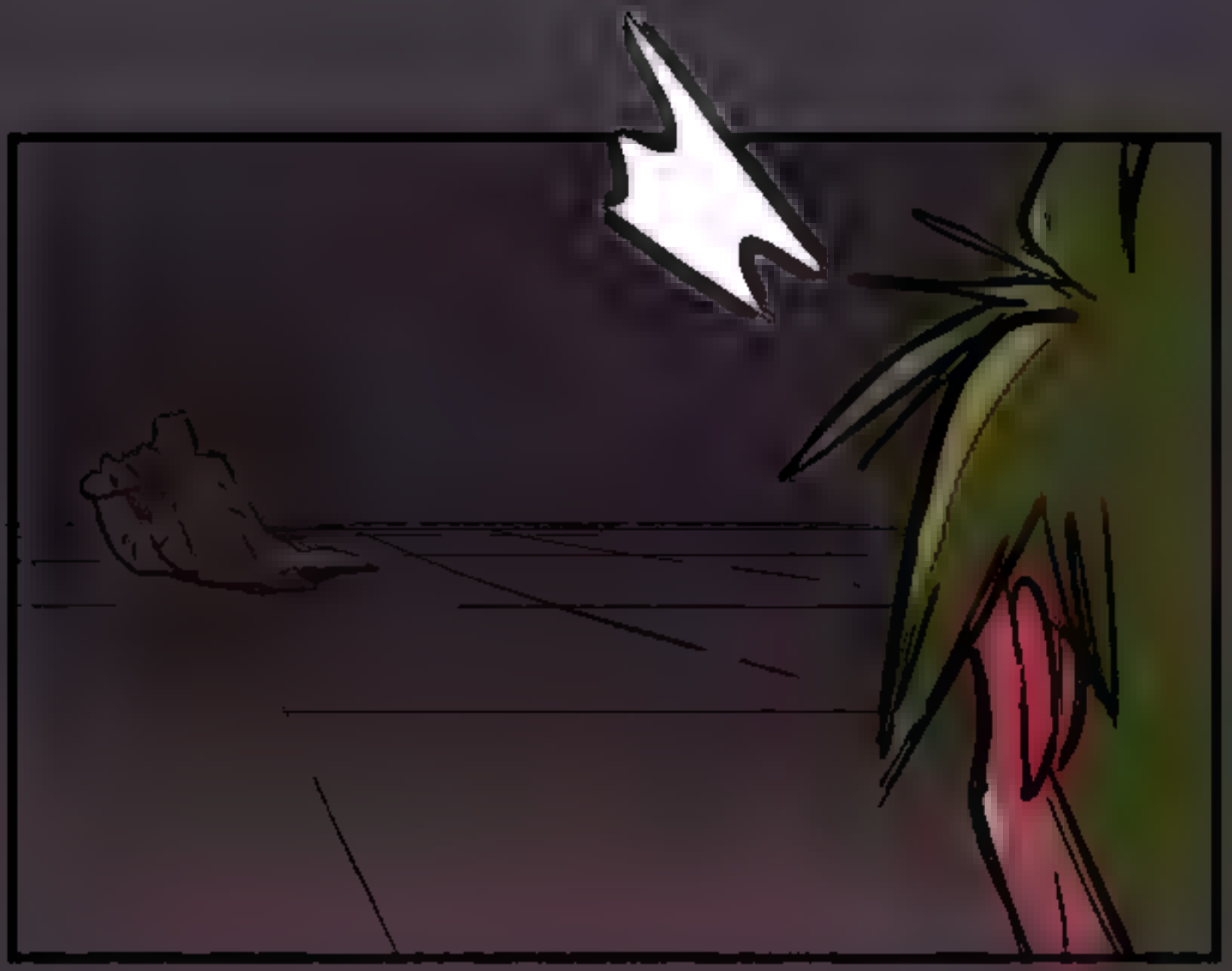
TAT

TAT

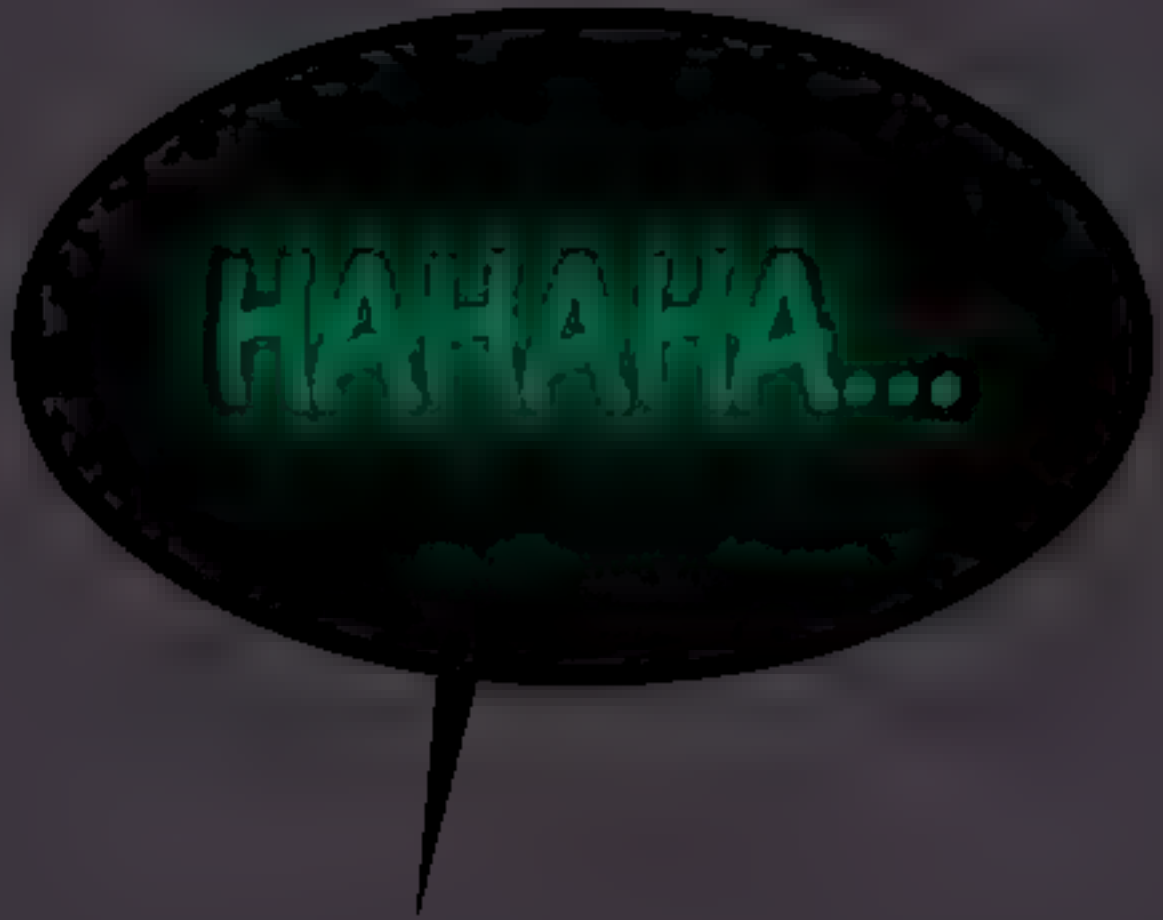
ROOM
SLIDE
SLIDE

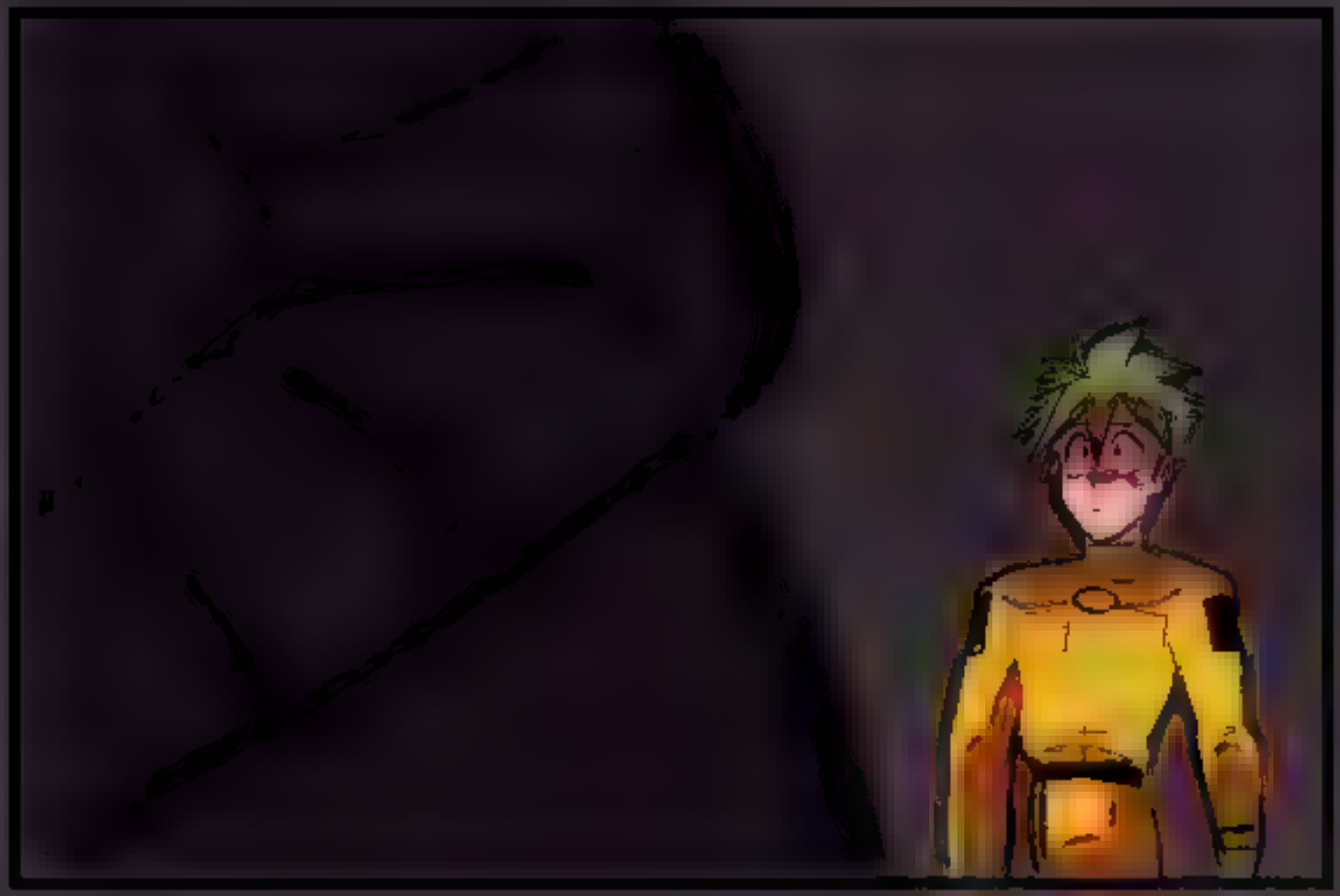
DOK
DOK

IT'S...
SO EMPTY...
I FEEL LIKE I
CAN HEAR MY
THOUGHTS
ECHO...



CAP--
CAPTAIN
DON?!


HAHAHA...



YOU'RE LOOKING FOR CAP'AIN DON?

FOMF

SORRY.
STAND

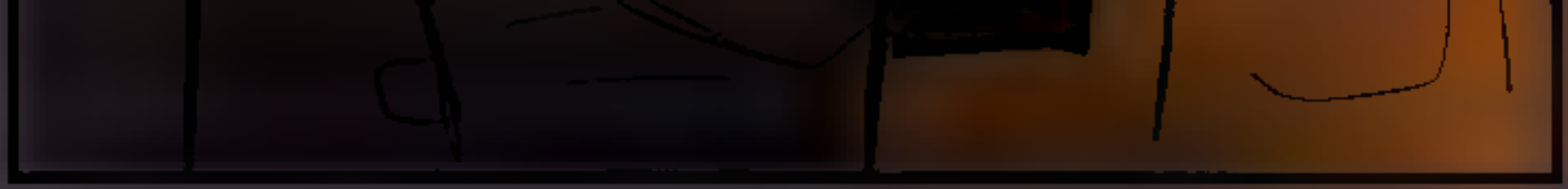
I'M
THE ONLY ONE
HERE NOW.

...WHO
ARE YOU?

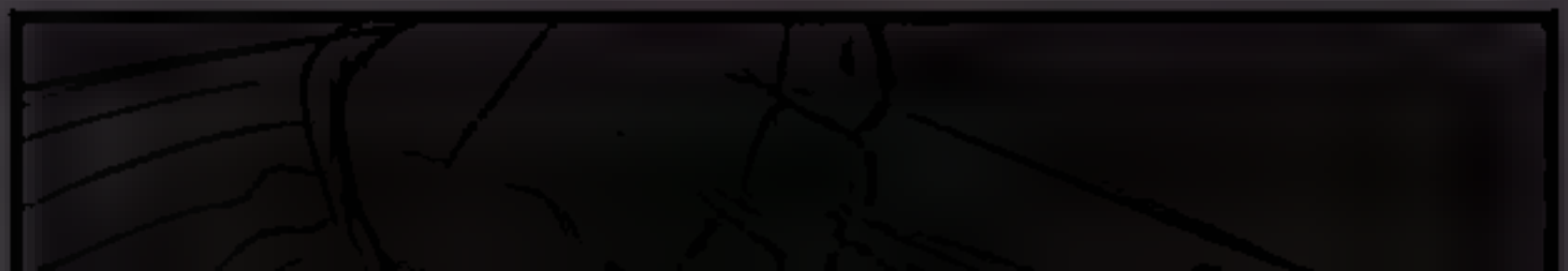
(ME?
I'M THE ONE
WHO CREATED
THIS PLACE...
DOK
DOK

BASED ON MY MEMORIES...
DOK
DOK

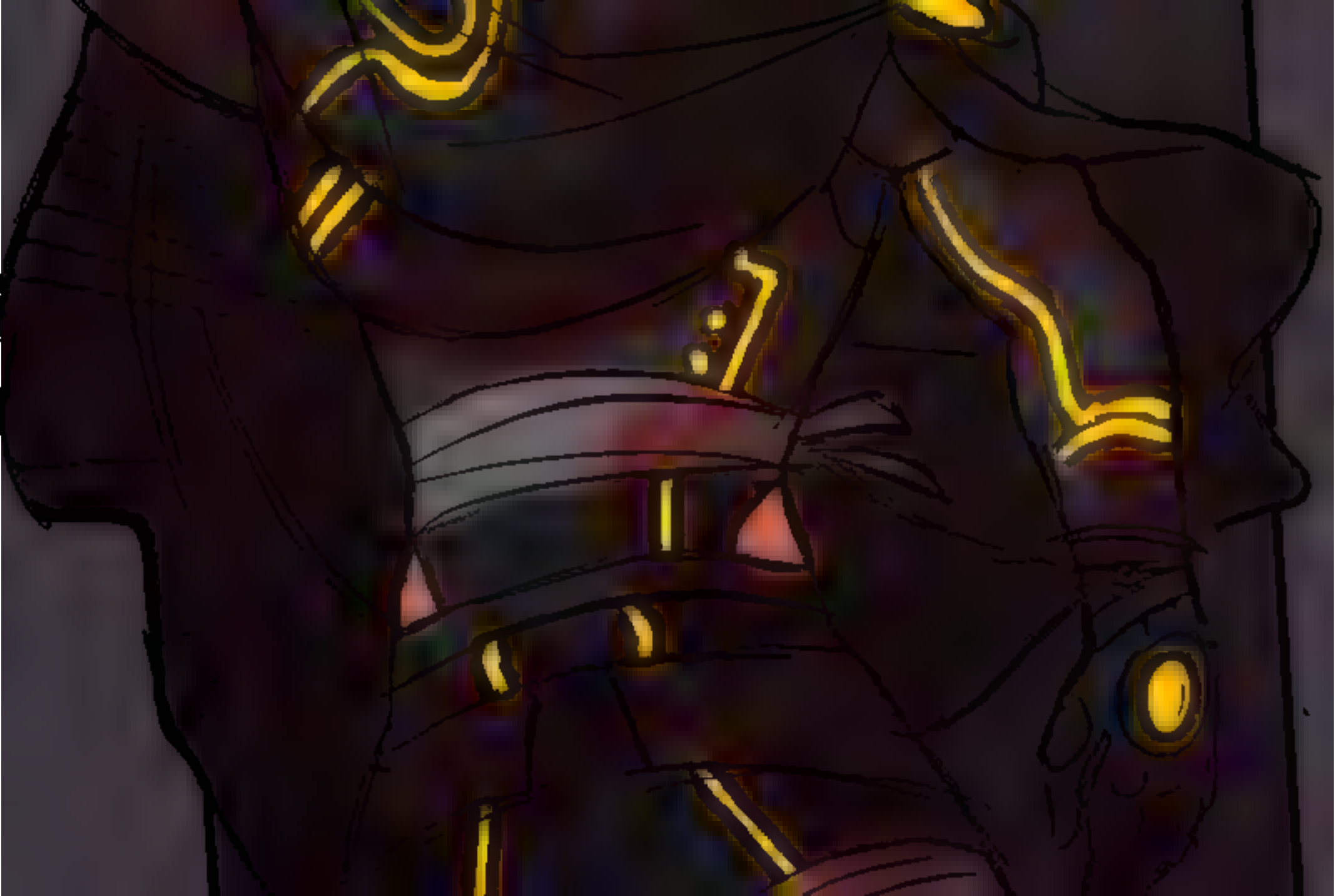
HAVE YOU PUT IT TOGETHER YET?
WOW

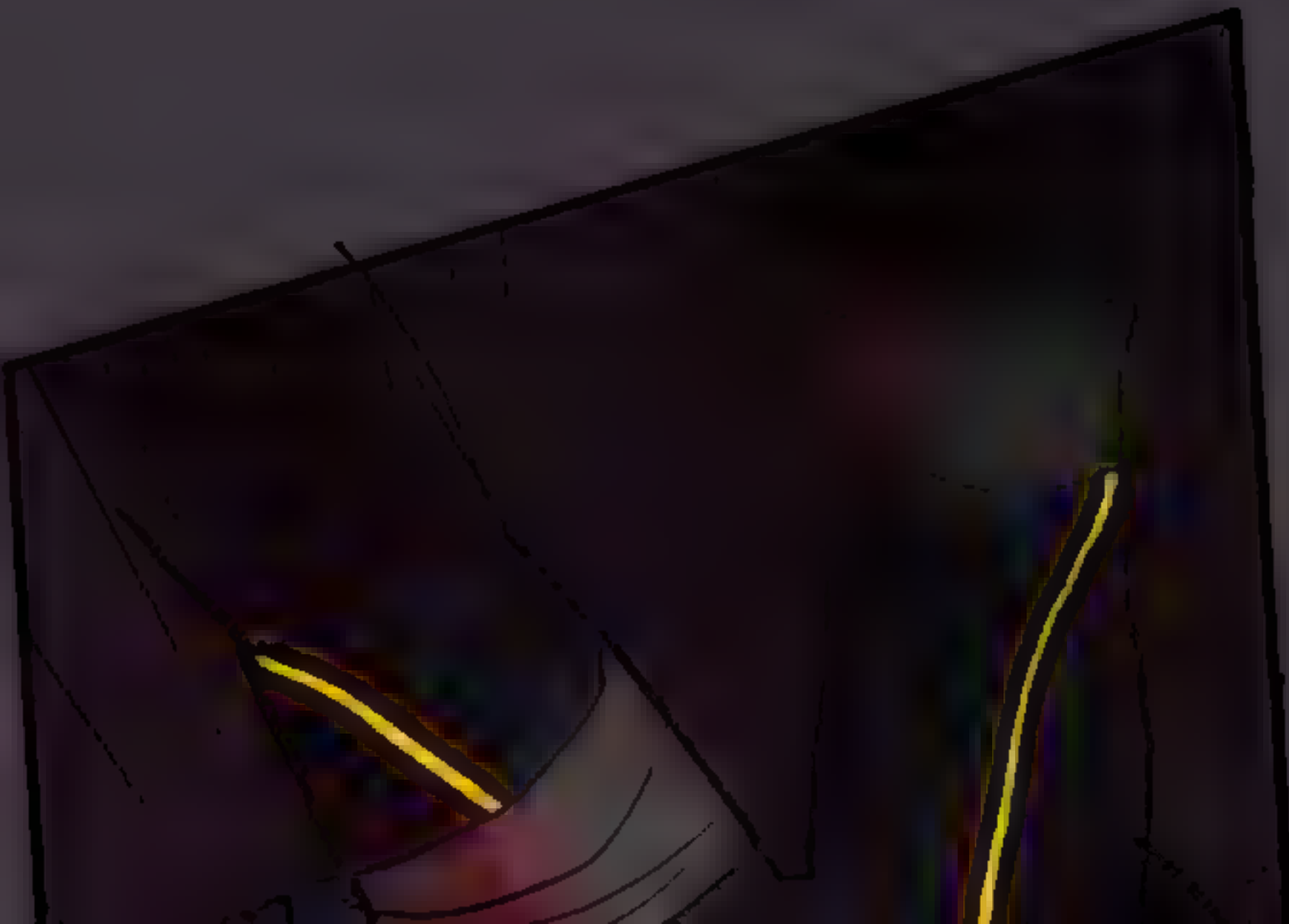


OR ARE YOU STILL AFRAID OF THE ANSWER?

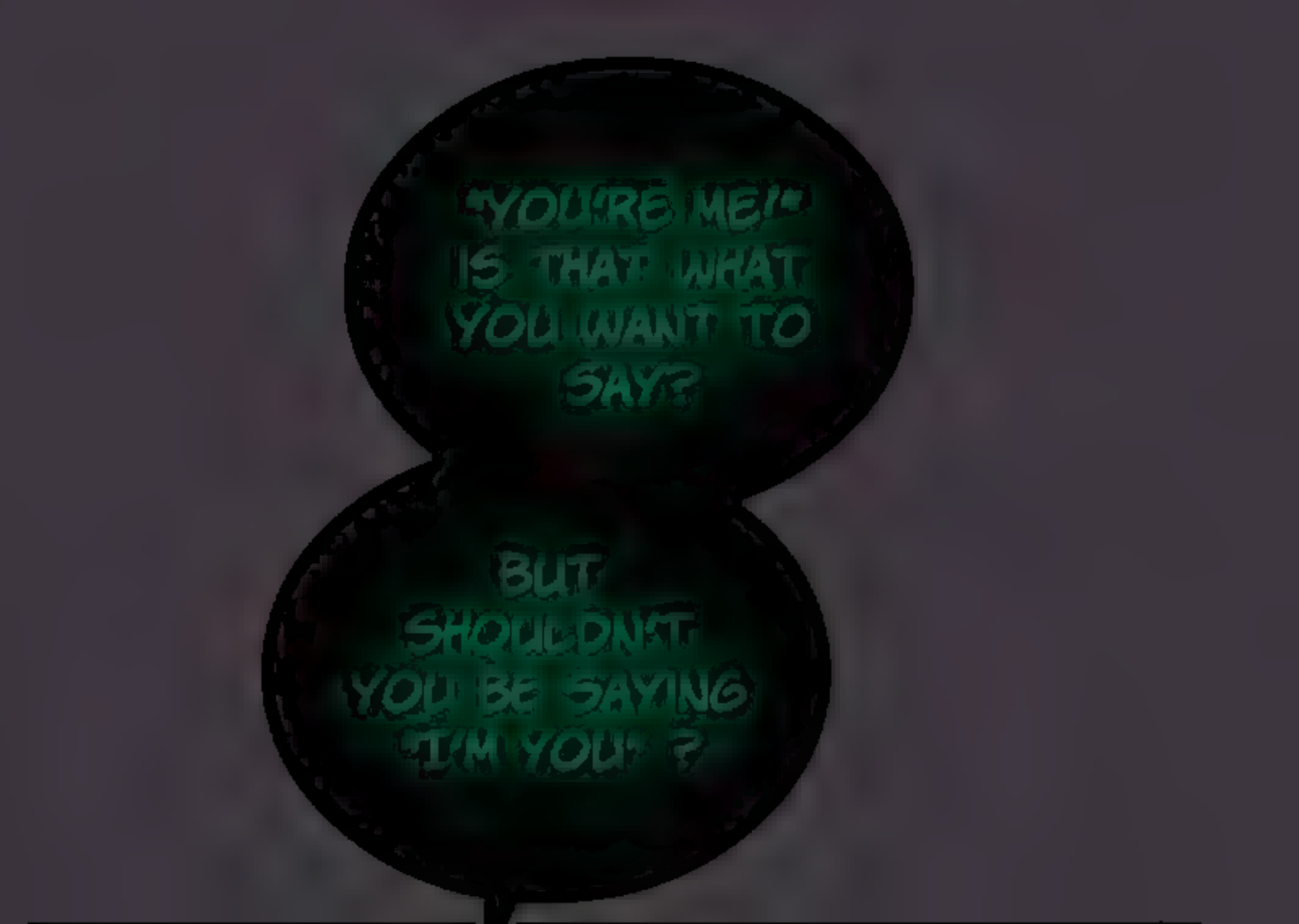


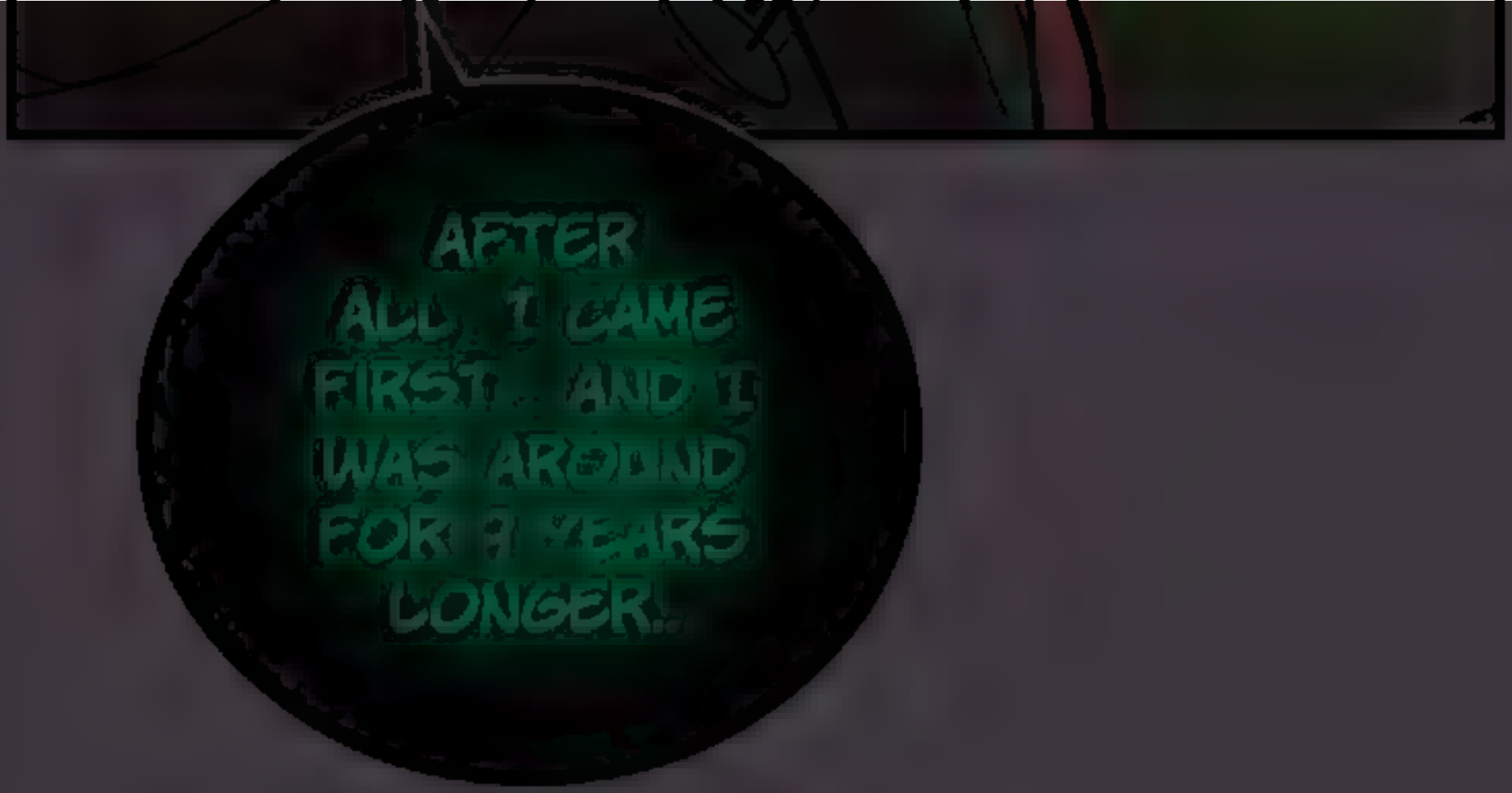
WOOOOSH



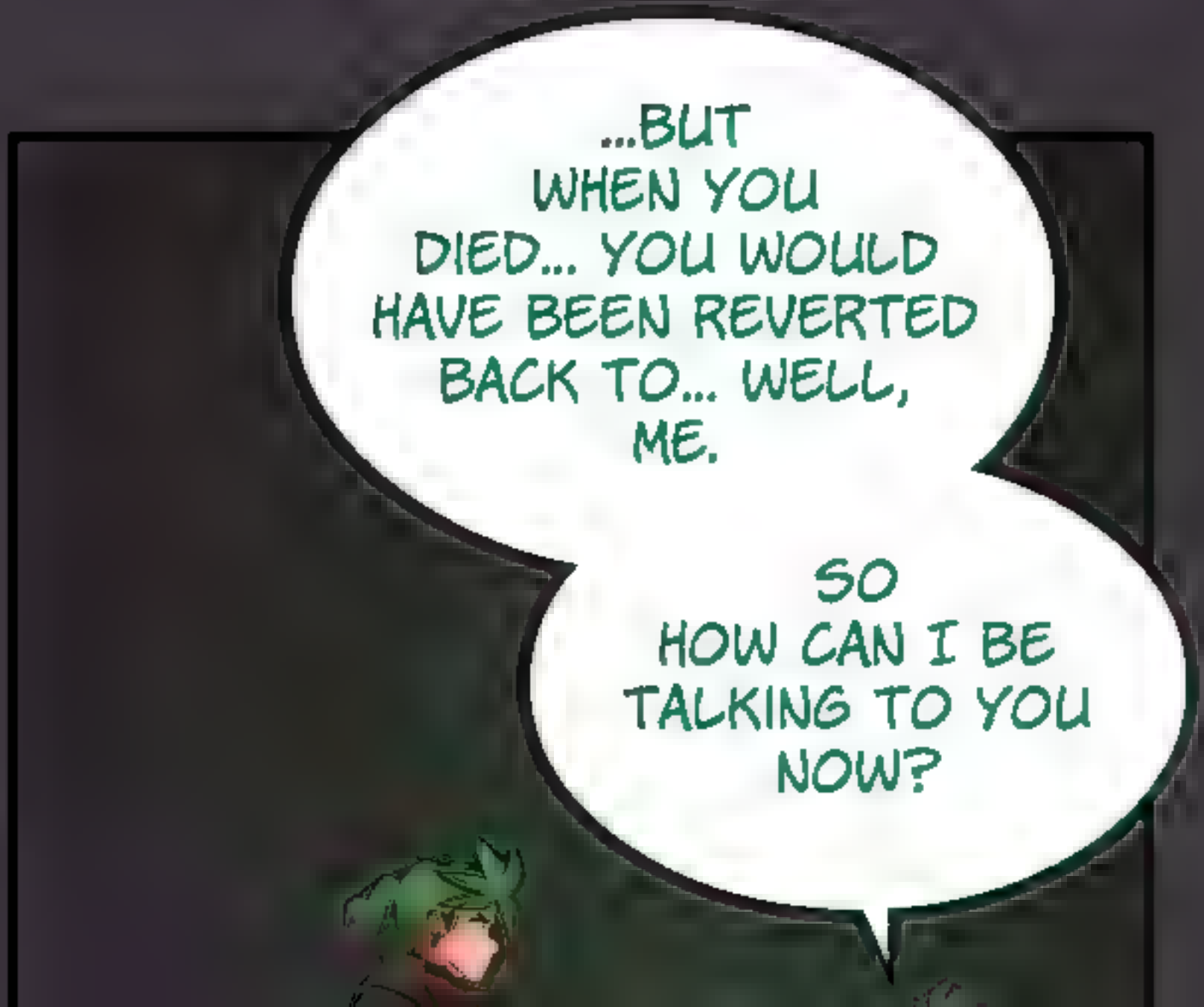


Y-YOU'RE...!


"YOU'RE ME!"
IS THAT WHAT
YOU WANT TO
SAY?
BUT
SHOULDN'T
YOU BE SAYING
"I'M YOU" ?


AFTER ALL, I CAME FIRST... AND I WAS AROUND FOR A YEARS LONGER...

9 YEARS?!


...BUT WHEN YOU DIED... YOU WOULD HAVE BEEN REVERTED BACK TO... WELL, ME.
SO HOW CAN I BE TALKING TO YOU NOW?

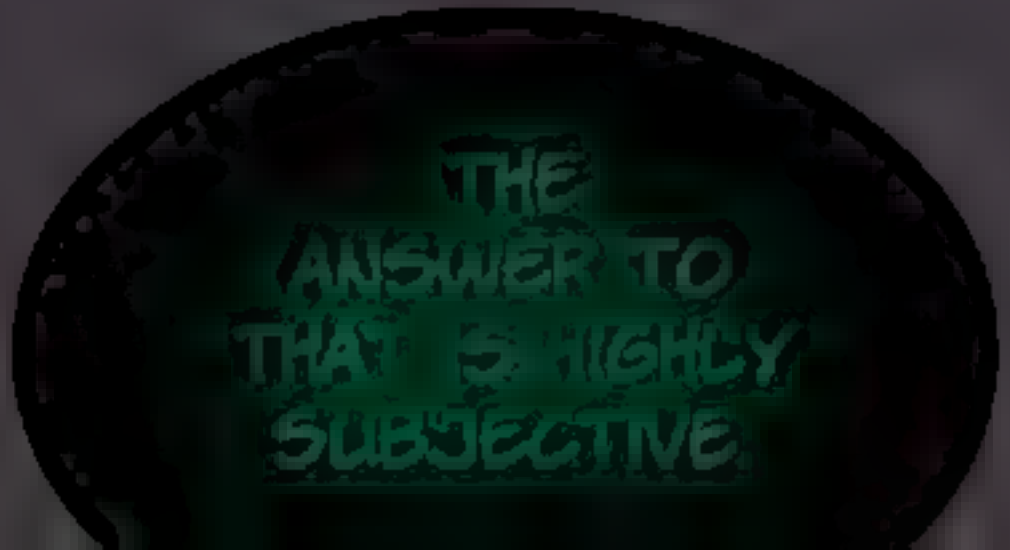
DON'T MISUNDERSTAND. THOUGH I MAY APPEAR THAT WAY HERE I AM NO LONGER A LIVING MIND ATTACHED TO A BODY LIKE YOURS. JUST A CONSCIOUS REMNANT OF WHO YOU WERE TWO YEARS AGO

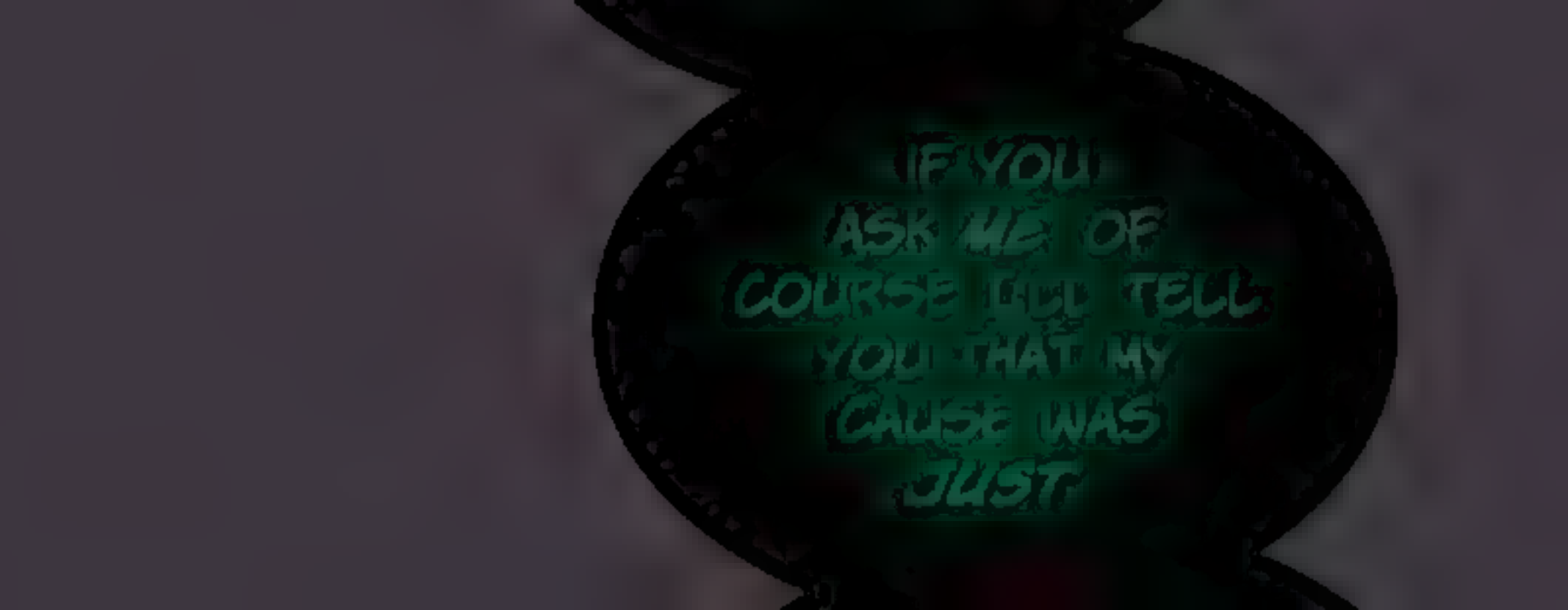
TWO YEARS AGO? WAS THAT WHEN YOU BETRAYED EVERYONE?

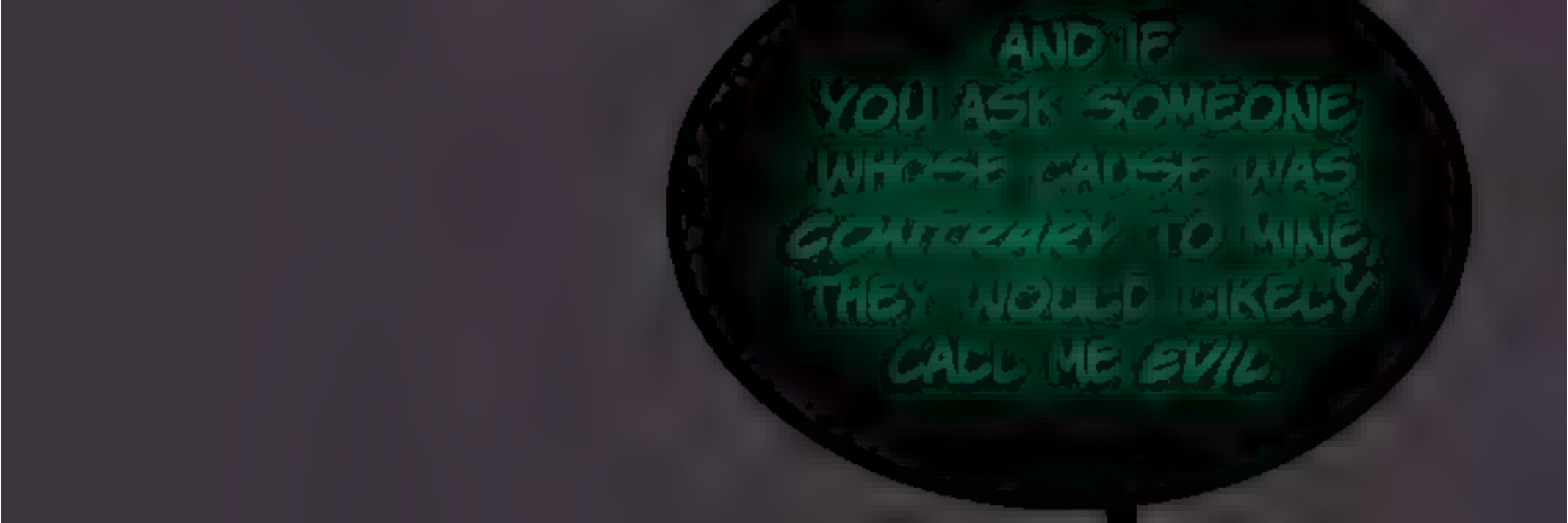
heh
IS THAT WHAT THEY TOLD YOU?

...IS IT TRUE?

WAS I REALLY JUST SOME TRAITOR?

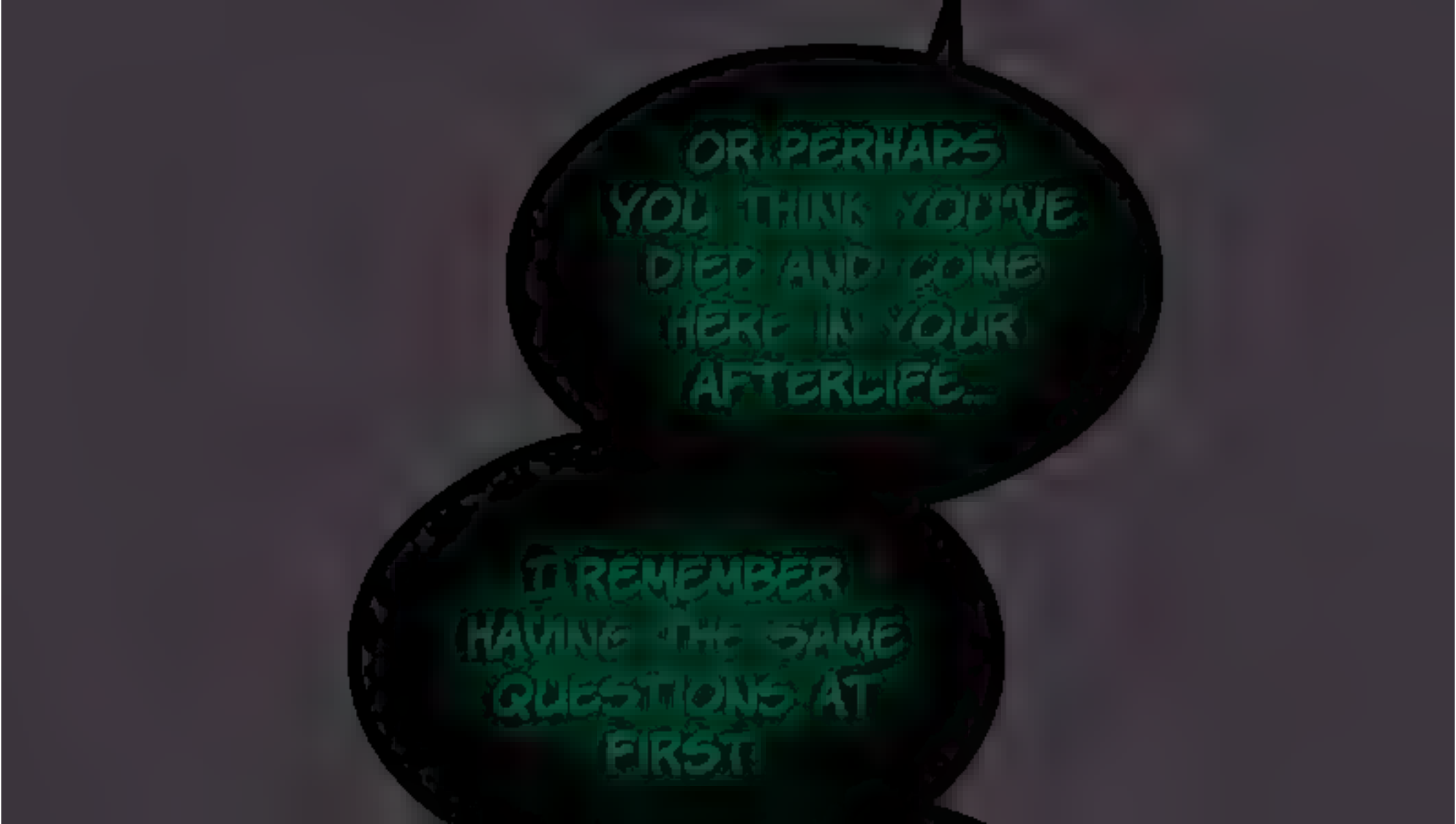

THE
ANSWER TO
THAT IS HIGHLY
SUBJECTIVE

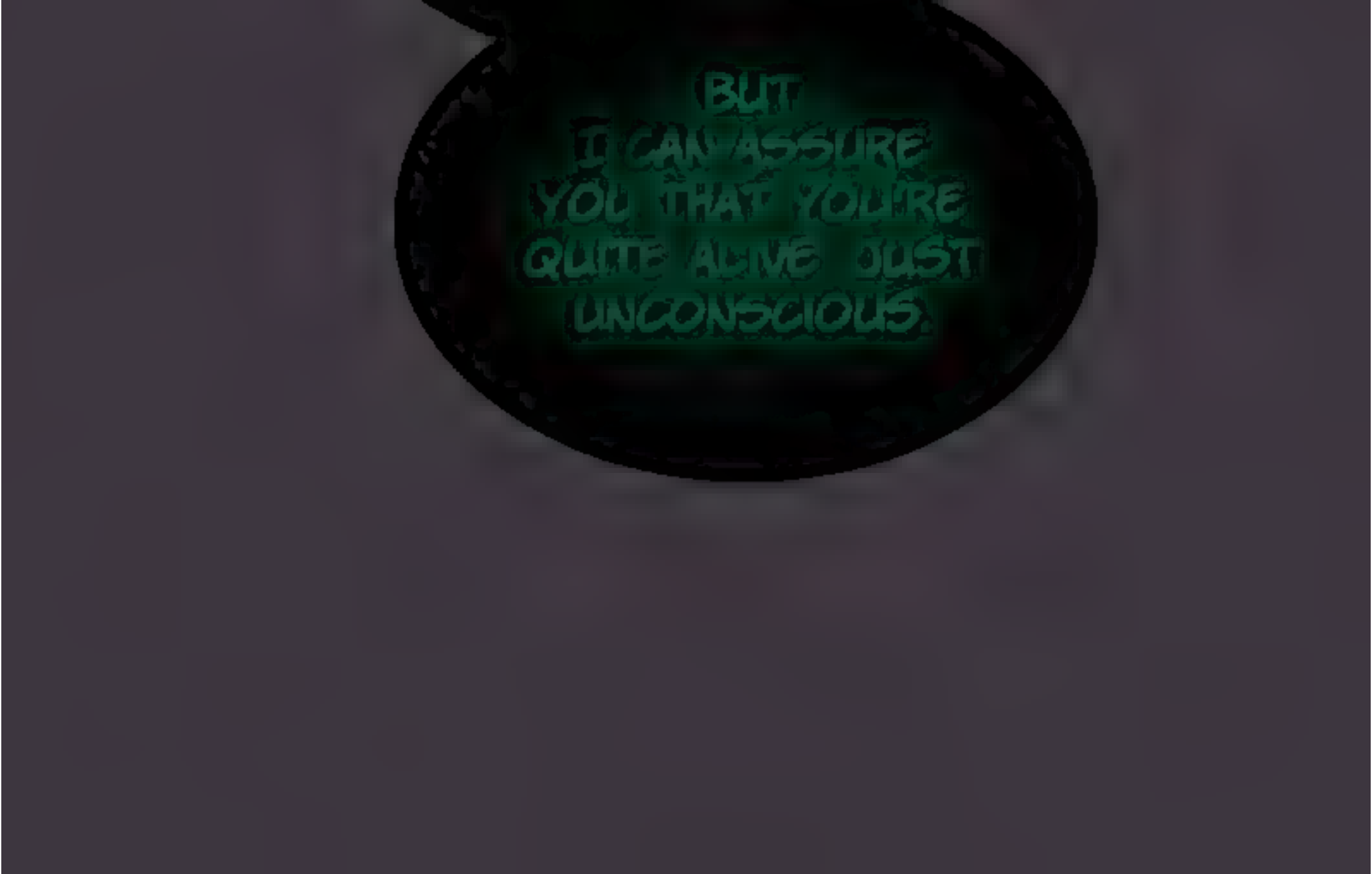

IF YOU
ASK ME OF
COURSE I'LL TELL
YOU THAT MY
CAUSE WAS
JUST


AND IF
YOU ASK SOMEONE
WHOSE CAUSE WAS
CONTRARY TO MINE,
THEY WOULD LIKELY
CALL ME EVIL.

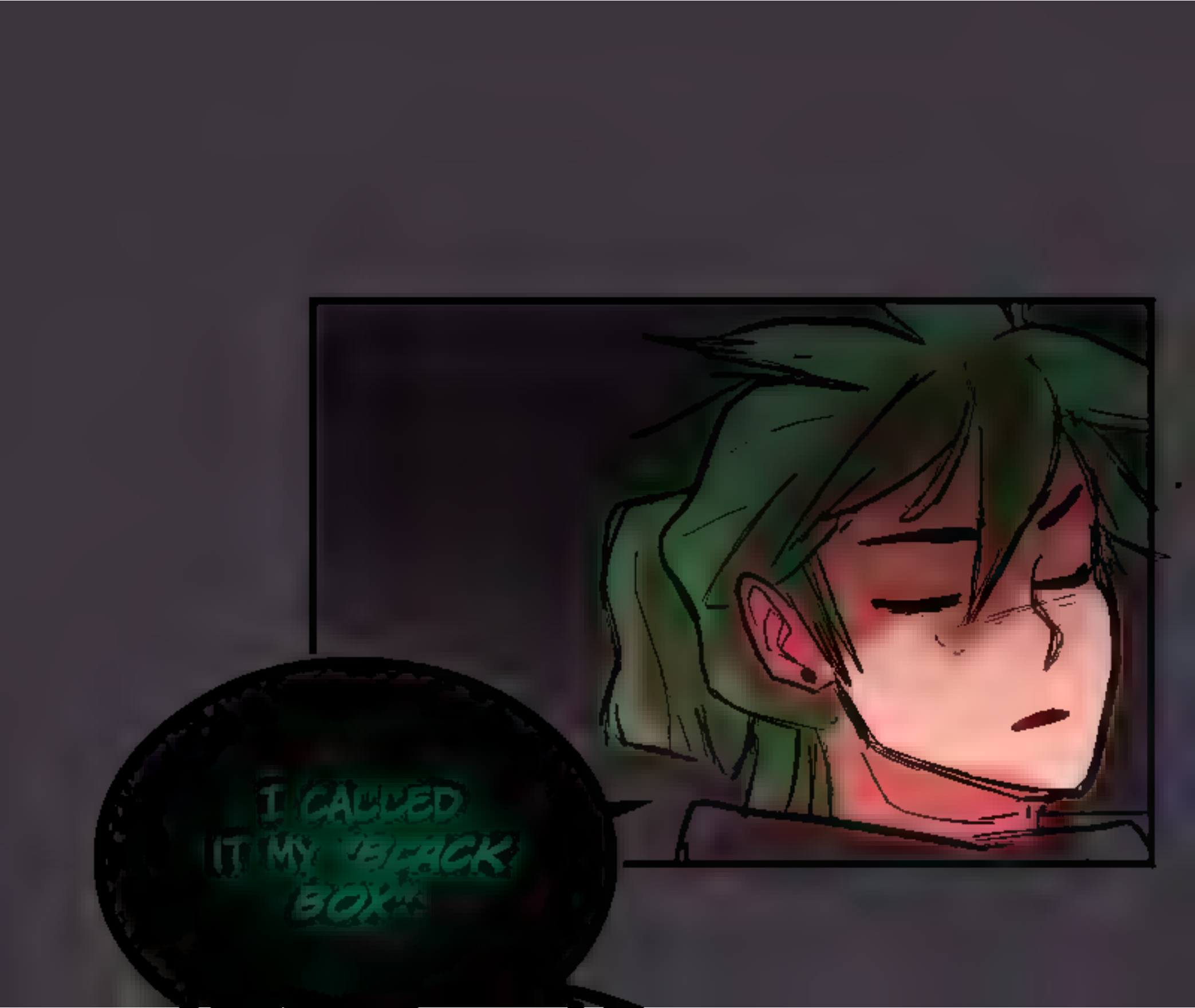
SO WHETHER I
OR THEY CONTEND THAT
I AM GOOD OR EVIL YOU
WONT KNOW WHAT IS TRUE
UNTIL YOU KNOW YOUR
OWN CAUSE

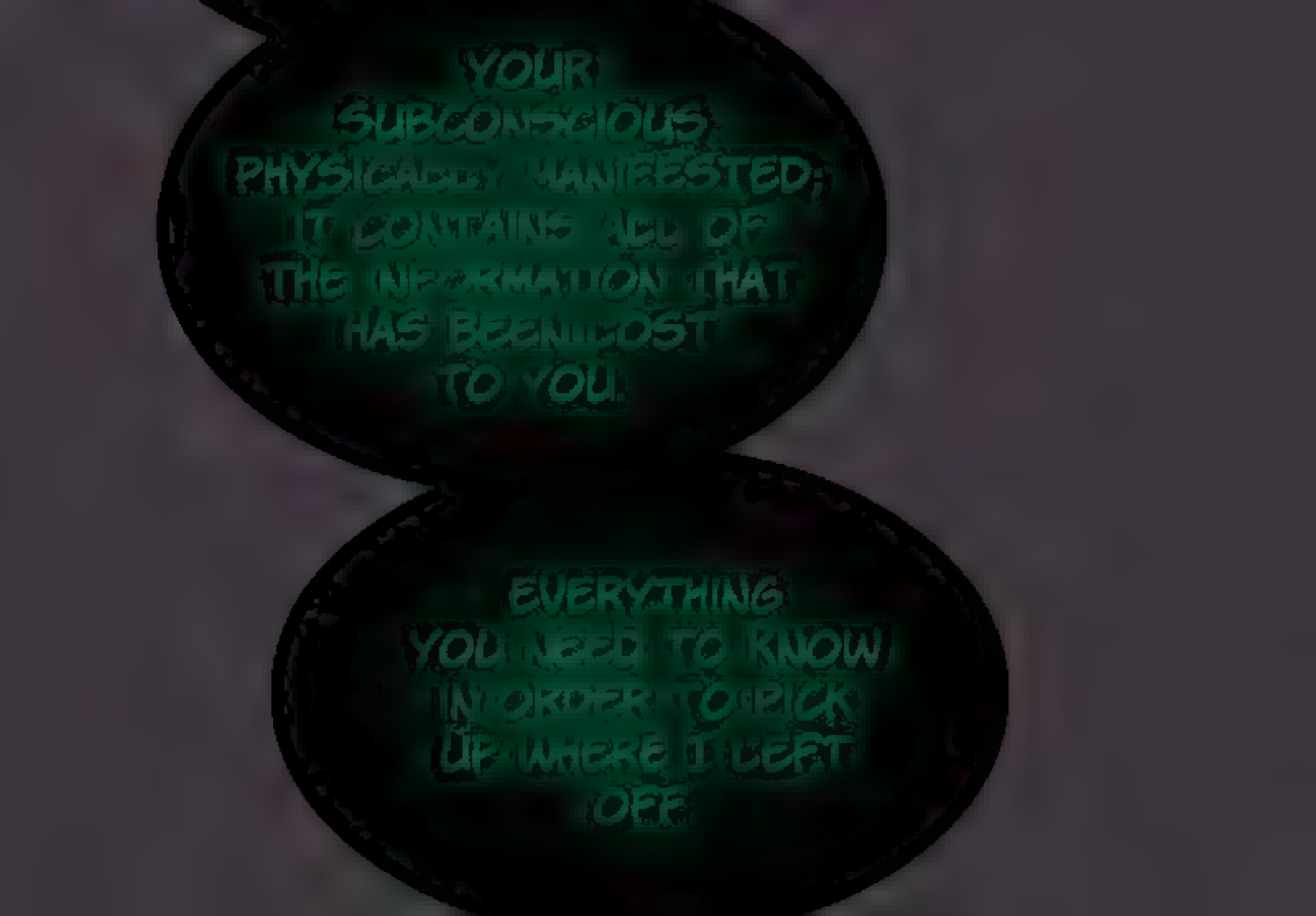
YOU'RE QUIET...
ARE YOU STILL WONDERING IF THIS IS ALL A DREAM?
...

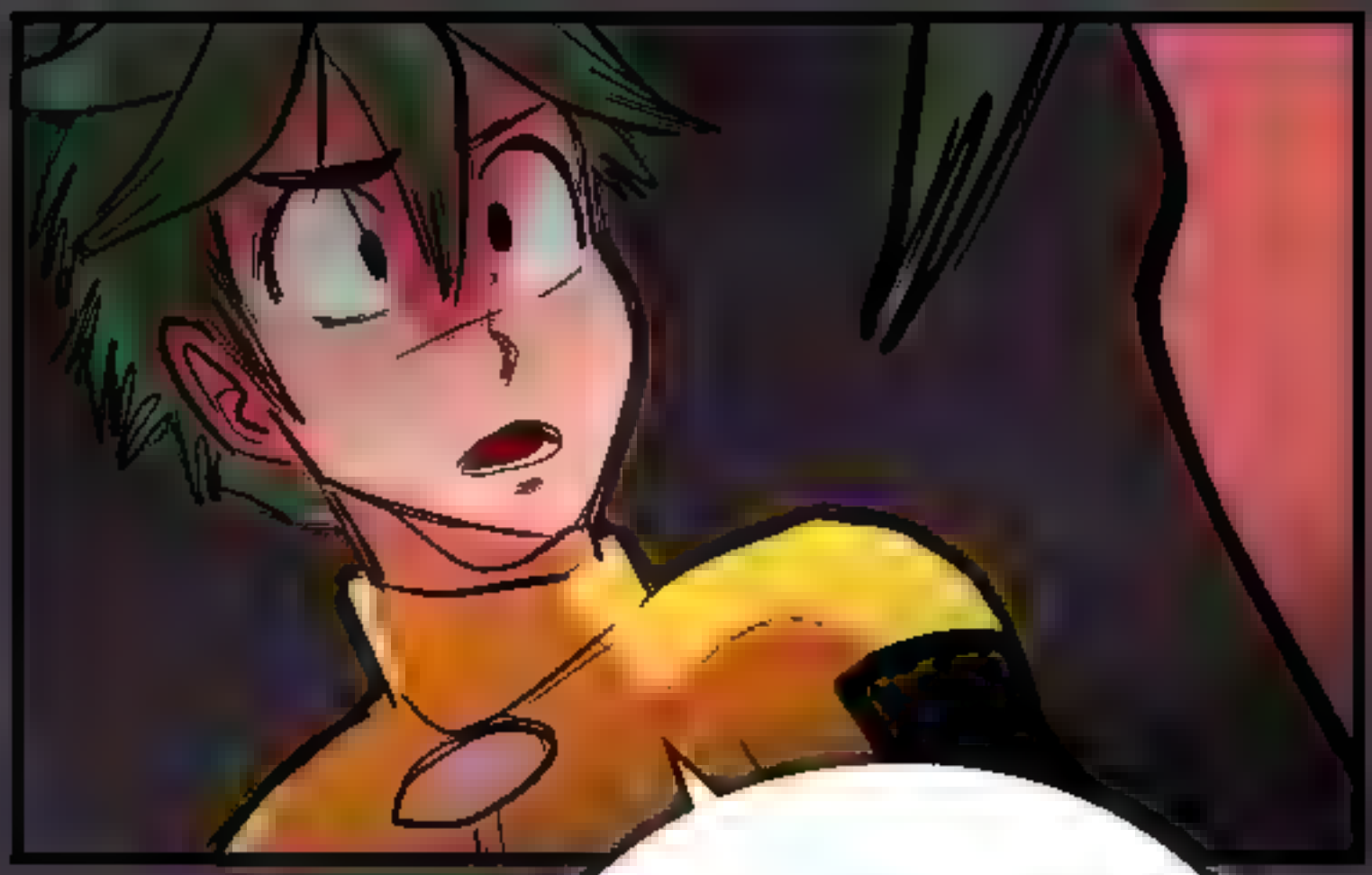

OR PERHAPS YOU THINK YOU'VE DIED AND COME HERE IN YOUR AFTERLIFE...
I REMEMBER HAVING THE SAME QUESTIONS AT FIRST


BUT
I CAN ASSURE
YOU THAT YOU'RE
QUITE ALIVE JUST
UNCONSCIOUS.

WELL
IF IT'S NOT
EITHER OF THOSE
THINGS, THEN
WHAT IS
THIS?


I CALLED IT MY BLACK BOX.


YOUR SUBCONSCIOUS PHYSICALLY MANIFESTED; IT CONTAINS ALL OF THE INFORMATION THAT HAS BEEN LOST TO YOU.
EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW IN ORDER TO PICK UP WHERE I LEFT OFF.



I THOUGHT MEMORIES WERE LOST WHEN YOU REVERTED BACK TO HOW YOU ARRIVED...

HOW CAN INFORMATION LIKE THAT STILL BE SOMEWHERE IN MY MIND?

BECAUSE OF THE TRUE NATURE OF YOUR POWER WHICH YOU HAVE YET TO REALIZE..
YOU HAVE DOMAIN OVER YOUR SUBCONSCIOUS MIND

WHEN YOU LOSE YOUR PROGRESS OUT THERE YOU LOSE THE MEMORIES THAT WERE FORMED SINCE YOU ARRIVED RIGHT?

BUT WHAT ABOUT THE MEMORIES YOU BROUGHT WITH YOU? IN YOUR CASE THE MEMORY OF YOUR SHIP AND CREW...

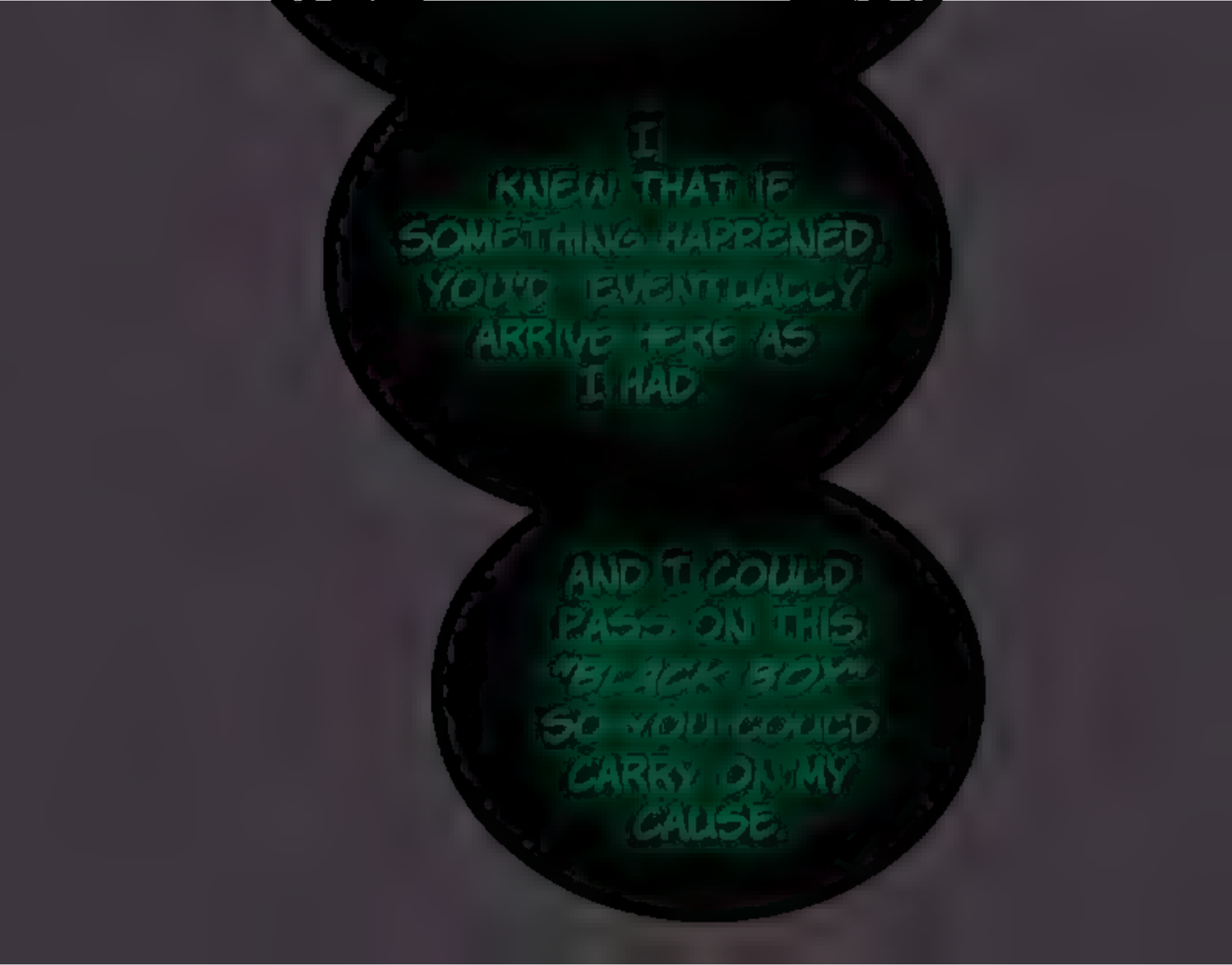
THOSE ALWAYS STAY THE SAME.

I REALIZED I COULD SUBSTITUTE ASPECTS OF MY FUNDAMENTAL MEMORIES WITH PIECES OF INFORMATION THAT I WANTED TO REMEMBER.

YOU'VE PROBABLY ALREADY NOTICED A FEW FACES ARE OUT OF PLACE

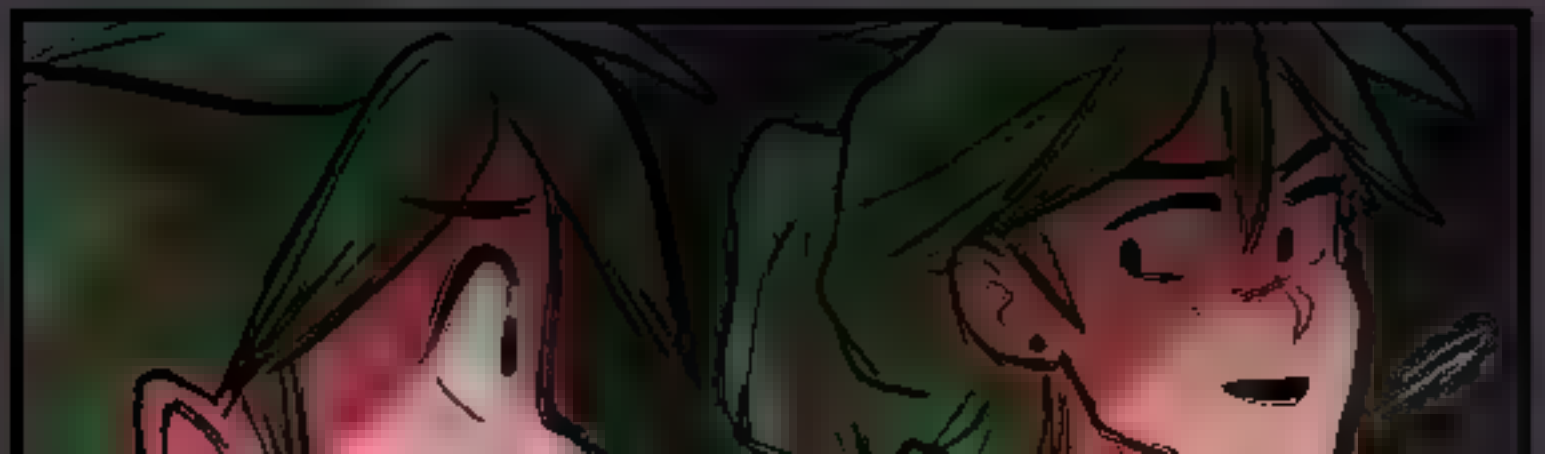
BEFORE I DIED, I USED THE SAME METHOD TO STORE A COPY OF MY OWN CONSCIOUSNESS HERE, WHICH YOU'RE SPEAKING WITH NOW...

ORIGINALLY,
I COULD ONLY COME
HERE BY ACCIDENT
LIKE A DEFENSE
MECHANISM.


I
KNEW THAT IF
SOMETHING HAPPENED,
YOU'D EVENTUALLY
ARRIVE HERE AS
I HAD.
AND I COULD
PASS ON THIS
"BLACK BOX"
SO YOU COULD
CARRY ON MY
CAUSE.

I THOUGHT YOU WANTED ME TO FIND MY "OWN CAUSE"

I NEVER SAID
I WOULDN'T DO MY
BEST TO CONVINCE
YOU TO JOIN
MINE



BESIDES... AREN'T YOU EAGER FOR SOME ANSWERS?

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